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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

TO-DAY.

(January 13.)

Lecture in Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, 8 p.m. Subject: "Naval Operations in the Pacific 1914."
Football: Interport Trial on the Club ground, 4 p.m.
Hockey: Club v. Navy (Sim Shield Competition) U.S.R.O. ground, 4.30 p.m.; Recreio v. St. Andrew's Club.
Central Theatre: "For the Defence."
Queen's Theatre: "Laughing Sinners."
King's Theatre: "Silence."
Star Theatre: "The Viking."
World Theatre: "Beloved Mary" (Chinese film).

Tea Dances at King's Restaurant and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel and King's Restaurant.
European Mail.—Inward: from London (parcels only) by Aeneas. Outward: Europe via Siberia (Chichibu Maru) 8.20 a.m.

THURSDAY.

(January 14.)

Examinations for Sanitary Inspector and in Sanitary Science.
Meetings:—United Services Recreation Club, 5.45 p.m. Theosophical Society, 8 p.m.
King's Theatre: "Tilly of Bloomsbury."
Queen's Theatre: "Oh Sailor Behave!"
Central Theatre: "The Smiling Lieutenant."
Star Theatre: "Rookery Nook."
World Theatre: "Dynamite."

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FRIDAY.

(January 15.)

Golf: (Finn) of Railway Cup (Ladies).
Hockey: Radio Sports Club v. H.M.S. Cumberland; Police v. St. Andrew's.

Queen's Theatre: "Oh Sailor Behave!"
King's Theatre: "Tilly of Bloomsbury."
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European Mail.—Inward: Europe via Suez (Kashmir).

WILL AMERICA REMAIN ON GOLD?

HUGE DECREASE IN EXPORTS: DOLLAR TOO DEAR FOR THE WORLD.

CANADA MAY ESTABLISH MONEY MARKET INDEPENDENT OF NEW YORK.

The slump in the foreign trade of the United States has been accentuated by the fact that many of her principal customers are now off the Gold Standard.

So serious is the prospect which thus faces American exporters that important personages in the banking world are said to be discussing the benefit that might accrue to the United States by going off gold.

Already there is a decrease of \$285,739,000 in the American exports for the first eleven months of 1931 as compared with the corresponding period of 1930. It is feared that these will be still further reduced by the lessened buying power of other countries.

Canada proposes to protect her currency by establishing a money market of her own independent of New York.

Holland, which contrary to rumours, is also to adhere to the Gold Standard, has a metal reserve of about 91.9 per cent.

BANKERS AND CHANGE OF POLICY.

Serious discussions in New York as to the possible benefits the United States might derive by deserting the Gold Standard strengthen the rumours heard on every side that high banking officials are contemplating that step. The recent rise in grain prices at Chicago is attributed in part to such rumours, on the ground that America's abandonment of gold would remove the last barrier to world-wide inflation of commodity prices.

Great Britain's evident reluctance to stabilise sterling until the present uncertainties are settled, and Japan's ban upon gold exports, have influenced those who hold that view. They point out

that America is facing a period of many months in which the high price of the dollar in relation to foreign currencies will effectively reduce her export trade unless she takes similar action.

HOW AMERICA IS HIT.

Recent figures of the trade of several leading countries, which are given below, indicate the seriousness of the economic situation.

United States.

Exports: November. Jan. to Nov.
1930 \$57,795,000 \$713,884,000
1931 \$38,600,000 \$447,935,000

Decrease \$19,195,000 \$265,739,000

Imports:

1930 \$40,736,000 \$570,454,000
1931 \$30,000,000 \$387,476,000

Decrease \$10,736,000 \$182,978,000

France.

French foreign trade has greatly fallen off latterly.

From January to November the following decline in French foreign trade (the sums being reckoned at par) is shown:

Exports. Imports.

1930 \$318,734,872 \$384,297,418
1931 \$228,574,664 \$315,442,908

Decrease \$90,160,208 \$68,854,510

Germany.

Germany's favourable balance of trade suffered a reverse in November. The surplus of exports over imports in November amounted only to \$13,350,000 (reckoned at par), which is less than the average surplus for the three preceding months by \$5,900,000.

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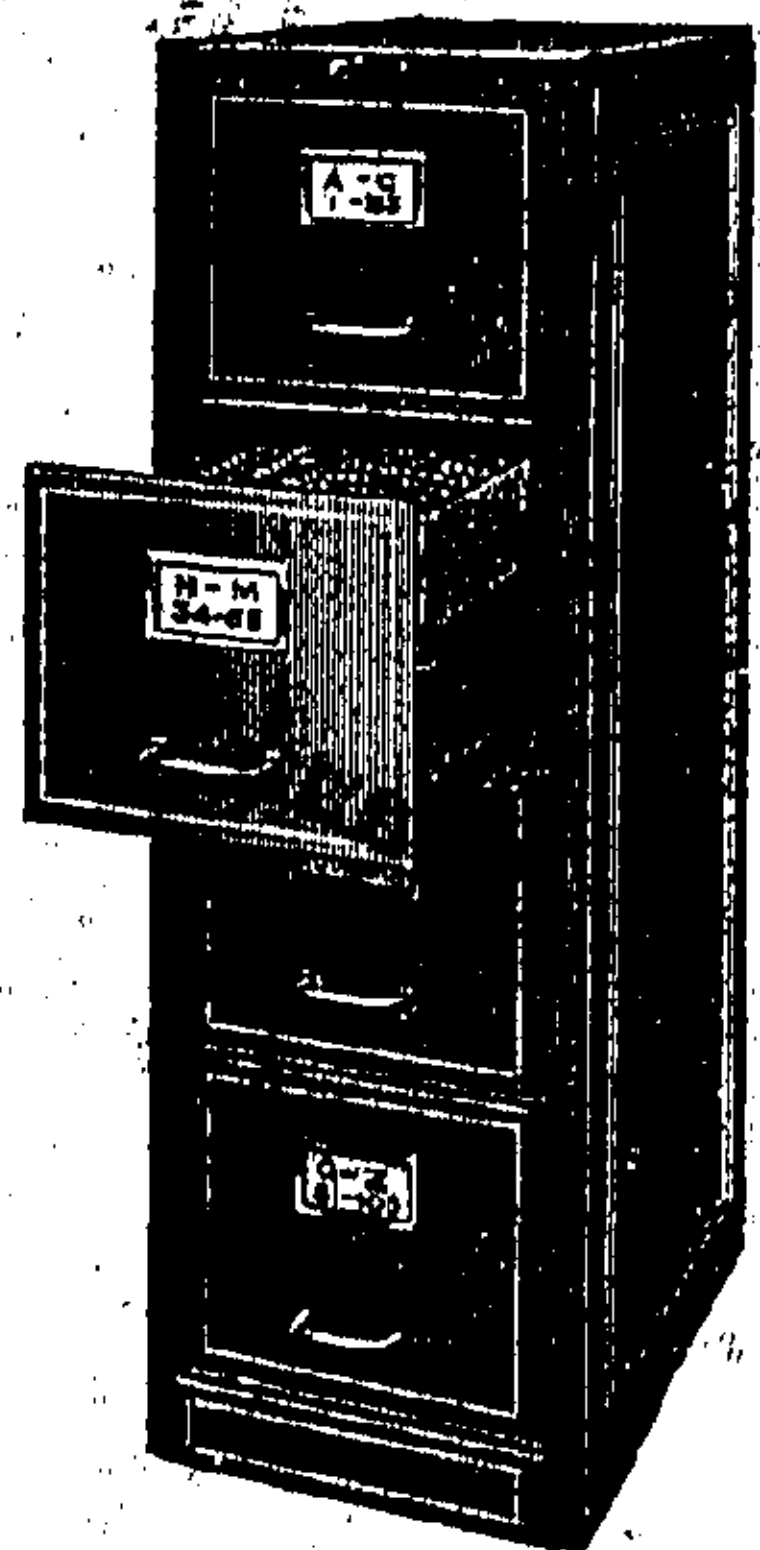
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TRAINED.

LONG FLIGHTS IN CLOUD OR
FOG NOW POSSIBLE.

Inclusion of a course of "blind" flying in the training of every pilot in the Royal Air Force, revealed in an Air Ministry announcement a few days ago, marks a new and vitally important stage in the conquest of the airman's chief and most dreaded enemy.

Bad visibility, particularly of the extreme kind met in fog and cloud, has caused numberless accidents to all classes of vehicles, on land and sea and in the air. Its worst manifestations bring all surface transport to a standstill. Hasty thinking might lead to the conclusion that the flying machine, unable to seek the comparative safety of immobility, is in even worse case. But the facts declare otherwise; curiously enough the flying machine is the only vehicle which is attaining relative freedom from this misty bondage.

In the dense fogs of last winter the air liners were frequently able to run to schedule across the English Channel when all shipping was motionless and the busier roads were crowded with crawling motor-cars. Utilising the elaborate wireless apparatus linking them all through the journey with the terminal aerodromes and ingenious instruments devised to make up for the lack of a visible horizon by which to steer, the pilots of the big machines felt their way surely and swiftly to the destination. Experience points unmistakably indeed, to the conclusion that before many more years have passed the genius of inventors will make travel by air through the densest fog and cloud a safe and simple affair.

Piloting Under the Hood.

"Blind" flying, in which the pilot controls his aeroplane according to instruments without seeing ground or sky, relieves the individual flyer of anxiety in conditions of bad visibility. From the beginning of next year every service pilot in Great Britain will spend several hours a week in a "blind" flying training plane which has a hood fitted to one cockpit. The hood is raised, blanketing all outward vision, and the pupil pilot is left to control the machine with the aid of the flickering needles on the dashboard that record certainly and instantly the attitude and course that the craft is following. The instructor sits in the unhooded cockpit, ready always to correct mistakes made by the "blinded" man.

The first few hours of tuition, even when the pupil is a pilot of vast experience, are usually humorous. The pupil, who has probably learned to rely almost entirely on the "feel" of the machine, at first invariably distrusts his instruments. He contrives to put the craft into all kinds of attitudes, always in the solemn belief that he is doing his best to keep it on a level keel. Frequently the pupil puts the machine upside down or into a steep and dizzy spin before the instructor takes over and corrects his mistakes.

Skill Often Greater.

Gradually the new art is acquired, and, marvellous as it may seem, the skill of the pilot is often greater when he is under the hood than when he flies visually. Finally he is able to take off, steer an accurate course across country, and perform acrobatic manoeuvres with the hood up all the time. Frequently the pilot is able to extricate his aeroplane from a spin more speedily "blinded" than when flying unhooded.

Pilots who have gone through this training and have learned to employ to the full the ingenious turn and bank indicators and the other instruments of precision on the dashboard are qualified to fly across country in weather thick enough to keep the untrained "blind" flyer on the ground. They are competent to make long flights in cloud or fog without losing the way or imperilling the safety of their aeroplanes and passengers. Their general skill is enhanced by more intimate knowledge of navigational instruments than other aeroplane pilots possess.

For some months past the system has formed part of the curriculum at certain British flying schools; its adoption by the service places the Royal Air Force still further ahead in flying technique of all foreign air services.

PLANE TOO FAST FOR ITS GUN.

TWO-SEATER FIGHTER
PROBLEM.

REDUCING SPEED TO
SHOOT.

Has the speed of some classes of war aeroplanes passed the limit of efficiency? A problem with more than one serious aspect is raised by recent experience with a type of fast two-seater fighter undergoing squadron tests, during the past few months.

It is found that the gunner in the rear cockpit of very fast two-seaters is unable to train his gun rapidly in any direction owing to the terrific pressure of the high-velocity air stream. The gun on its mounting above the fuselage is exposed to the rush of air and to the slip-stream from the propeller, and can only be moved with great difficulty.

Who can calculate the course of bullets in that fierce blast? And when the machine is flying at high speed the gun is almost irresistibly swept round, so that it points astern and fires into the machine's tail.

The experiment of the two-seater fighter arose from a reaction against the theory that the purely fighting machine should be a single-seater fighter with fixed machine-guns firing through the airscrew and in other positions firing directly ahead. In this class of machine the pilot is also the gunner, and his attack is always delivered by flying head-on towards his target.

Slow War Machines.

During the war, however, there were many types of two-seater fighters, and in these the gunner in the rear cockpit worked a machine-gun on a movable mounting enabling him to aim in nearly all directions. Those machines were slow by comparison with the most recent types.

There have always been strong advocates of the two-seater fighter, claiming that one such machine is equal to three single-seaters, and that although the single-seater will still be needed the two-seater fighter will be increasingly important. This claim, apparently, did not take into account conditions arising from the very greatly increased speed of modern military aircraft.

The fast Day Bomber, should be able to protect itself against attack in the air, although its function is not so much fighting as bombing. It has a machine-gun mounted over the rear cockpit, but evidently its defensive power is severely handicapped if the gunner is unable to train his gun with the rapidity demanded by air-fighting.

It was held that a formation of fast Day Bombers, each armed with fixed guns firing ahead, and, in addition, with a movable gun in the fuselage, was a formidable combination well able to take care of itself against any ordinary attack by single-seaters. Apparently this is not by any means certain.

Reconnaissance Work.

But the difficulty goes further. The high-speed machine developed primarily for day-bombing has been adapted also as a fast Army Co-operation type and also for reconnaissance, and for such work it would usually not singly. To a large extent its safety would depend upon its speed, but it was intended also that it should be able to defend itself. In the light of recent experiments, however, it appears that its defensive power is little, if any, greater than that of a single-seater.

The fast Day Bomber, besides being the fastest of its class in the world, has the valuable quality of a wide range of speed. It can fly as slow as sixty miles per hour, and flying at anything between sixty miles per hour and ninety miles per hour the gunner in the rear cockpit finds little difficulty in managing his gun. On the other hand, it would be a very serious disability to be compelled to throttle down and fly very slowly whenever an enemy in the air was encountered, although that would be better than being unable to use the gun at all.

At the moment the advocates of the single-seater fighter are inclined to say, "I told you so," although perhaps they did not exactly foresee the difficulty that has arisen. Certainly designers have a nice problem to solve. But judging from their triumphs in the past they will prove equal to it.

6,000 MILES NON-STOP.

LONDON TO THE CAPE IN
ONE HOP.

AUTOMATIC PILOT IN NEW
RECORD-BREAKING
MONOPLANE.

Two Royal Air Force officers, assisted by a "robot" pilot of superhuman skill and efficiency, are preparing for a flight which may carry them in one "hop" nearly six thousand miles from Cranwell aerodrome, Lincolnshire, to South Africa. For three days and two nights they will sit in the pilots' compartment of a new big monoplane designed especially to test the limits of attainable range, journeying steadily from wintry cold to the heat of equatorial Africa, and, finally, coming to rest beneath the summer sun in—if the luck holds, good—Cape Town.

Every two hours they will send out from a tiny short wave radio transmitter a signal, indicating where they are. Once at safe height the machine will be set on her course, and the "robot" placed in charge, while the human crew busy themselves with navigation and the numerous tell-tale dials that record the behaviour of the 530 h.p. motor, drone its ceaseless song, before them in the nose of the streamlined fuselage. Particularly will they watch for wind shifts which may cause the machine to drift off the set course. Once drift is detected the course must be altered by the human pilot; not yet can the "robot" deal with problems that involve reasoning; it is a machine, not a brain.

Brief Sleep Possible.

If things go well, the pilot off duty may snatch a brief sleep in the deck lounge chair just behind the pilot's seat. At intervals the two men will eat of the store of chicken, chocolate, fruit, milk tablets and similar concentrated foods carried on board.

Final long distance trials have begun of the beautiful craft intended for this marvellous endeavour. The big machine has already flown to Egypt and back to England in two stages with an intermediate landing at Malta, and now the work of getting the craft ready for the great African flight is proceeding. The flyers will time their departure to coincide with the full moon, which should help them materially during the first night of flying across Northern Africa.

The Distance Record.

The present world's record for distance flown by an aeroplane in a straight line on one load of fuel is 3,011 miles—the distance from New York to Constantinople—established a few months ago by two American airmen, Boardman and Polanco. International regulations provide that a new official record must exceed the old by at least 100 km., and the British airmen must at least, therefore, reach a point just south of Walvis Bay, in the South West African Protectorate.

Last week a party was taken specially to Cranwell to see the machine, which is a Fairey monoplane equipped with a single Napier "Lion" water-cooled engine. As they neared the aerodrome the long range craft could be seen flying in great circles, its wide silvery wings endowing it with remarkable semblance to a big bird. Those wings measure no less than 82 feet from tip to tip and, when the monoplane begins the record attempt they will be called on to lift a load of no less than eight tons, approximately half of this great weight being some 1,100 gallons of fuel.

Exhaustive wind channel tests of models and much experiment have

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THE CHICAGO BIBLE.

TRANSLATED INTO
"AMERICAN."

LORD'S PRAYER IN NEW
FORM.

American preachers and scholars are discussing the Chicago Bible, the work of a group of scholars, who have re-written the Bible into modern "American language."

The opening verse in Genesis illustrates the Chicago intention:

"When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was a desolate waste, with darkness covering the abyss, and a tempestuous wind raging over the surface of the waters."

Contrast this with the Authorised version:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

The Psalms.

The Psalms are treated as poetry and the familiar opening of the first Psalm is given as follows:

"How happy is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the wicked,

Nor stood in the way of sinners, Nor sat in the seat of sufferers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord.

And in his law does he study day and night.

The last ten verses transform the familiar sentence, "and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

"Give Us To-day," is the New Testament the Chicago scholars have substituted a modern translation of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in Heaven! Your name be revered! Your kingdom come! Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!

Give us to-day bread for the day And forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors And do not subject us to temptation

But save us from the evil one.

Some of the New Testament stories are preferred in the Chicago version to those of the Authorised. St. Paul's arrest in Jerusalem is given a new setting by the use of modern terms—such as "Colonel" for "Chief Captain," of the Band" and "barracks" for "castle."

produced an aeroplane of advanced design and great aerodynamical efficiency. In the technical jargon, the "lift" of the machine is high and "drag" low, which implies an approach to perfection in streamlining and the avoidance of excrescences or arrangements of bracing wires which might increase resistance to movement through the air. Actually the only external bracing wire on the machine supports the tail fin. Even the landing wheels are enclosed in streamlined cases.

Automatic Controls.

The human pilots—Squadron Leader Gayford and Flight-Lieut. Bett—intend to hand over control to the "robot" whenever possible. This British invention, which is used in routine flying by certain big twin-engine night bombing "planes in the R.A.F., operates the rudder and elevators through gyroscopically-controlled pistons. The slightest deviation from the set course, so small that no human pilot would notice it, is instantly corrected by the automation, which has the further advantage of steering with equal ease in the thickest cloud bank and bright daylight. No matter how long the craft remains in or out of cloud the "robot" will keep it flying level on its pre-determined course.

Economical Engine.

The engine is a standard "Lion," tuned especially for economy. On the test bench it has accomplished with ease a non-stop run of seventy hours in conditions resembling those that will prevail during the attack on the record.

Both pilots have had much experience of flying in the African continent. In 1928 Gayford commanded the annual formation cruise of R.A.F. bombers from Cairo to the Cape and back, and the following year he made an extensive tour of the British West African dependencies, over some of which the long range plane will fly on her way south. Bett was one of the pilots in the 1927 Cairo-Cape Town cruise, when he flew under the command of the late Air Commodore Samson.

AMERICAN WIVES OR BRITISH?

WOMAN CHAFES AMERICAN
HUSBANDS.

The spectacle of two English authors outlining their views on American husbands and American wives before an audience largely composed of American women was the unusual entertainment provided by the Lyceum Club last month at a Thanksgiving luncheon given by its American Circle.

Mr. Shane Leslie, whose American wife sat near him, said what he thought of the women of the United States.

The husbands were to have been described by Miss Yvonne Arnaud, who is married to an American. An attack of laryngitis, however, prevented her from appearing, and her place was taken by Miss Beatrice de Holthorpe.

"I cannot speak for personal experience of the subject," Miss de Holthorpe said, "but I have had the honour to refuse the offers of several gentlemen who wanted to provide me with good examples of what an American husband is."

"There are millions of American husbands, totally unlike each other except that they all believe in certain hard and fast rules as to what an American wife should be like, and then marry an exception to them."

"They could, however, be described in a few axioms. The first was that an American husband goes back to his house, and wife, and goes home to his office."

Remarrying for the Better.

"As soon as an American woman finishes with one husband she invariably plunges straight into another marriage. She looks on marriage as a sort of progress. Each husband should be better than the last. By the time her son by her first marriage is 19 years old she is looking for a professor as a husband, to superintend his education. "This progressive change is typical of the American scientific outlook. Over here we have never thought of giving boys new fathers every seven years."

"All American women are devoted mothers. They look after their children and carry on flirtations at the same time, and keep both enterprises going with equal efficiency."

"American husbands are extremely desirable things, and, if it were not for the existence of the new restrictions against the dumping of foreign luxuries in this country, I should ask the Americans to send us all the surplus husbands they can spare."

Mr. Shane Leslie remarked that it had been at a Thanksgiving Feast in America that he had become engaged. Ever since he had looked upon the pumpkin as a symbol of romance.

There were some very subtle distinctions between American and European wives. The former were not blessed with so much emotion as these on this Continent. They had ideals instead.

"American women dress more alike than those of any other nation. In Europe women dress as a venture against other women, but Americans choose their clothes to enable their husbands to boast."

Scandal as "Redskins."

One of the chief characteristics of American women, declared Mr. Leslie, was the ability to surprise. Some time ago he had conducted a lady from Alabama around the sights of London. At the end, she said that she had been most pleased by the "redskins" outside the City Hall.

It was not until long afterwards that he accidentally discovered she had been referring to the sentries at Buckingham Palace.

GAS WORKERS' WAGES CUT ACCORD.

130,000 MEN AFFECTED.

Notices of an agreed national reduction in wages from January 1 next, affecting the 130,000 workers in the British gas industry, will be posted shortly.

For some weeks the Whitley Council has been engaged in close negotiations, and considerable difficulties have had to be overcome. A prominent member of the council stated that he was unable to reveal the terms of the agreement, but it was considered to be an amicable one to both sides.

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MOVIE NEWS

ON THE SCREEN IN HONG KONG.

BROADWAY HIT AT
THE QUEENS.JOAN CRAWFORD IN
"LAUGHING SINNERS."

As the worldly Salvation Army girl who foregoes her tambourine for the arms of her travelling salesman lover, Joan Crawford gives one of her best performances in "Laughing Sinners" Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's film of last season's Broadway hit, "The Torch Song."

If anything, the new film is even better than "Paid," and in it Joan again negotiates a difficult characterisation, endowing it with wealth of excellent delineation. Her performance is one of the best she has offered.

Beaumont Direction.

It is noted that Harry Beaumont, who brought Joan to stardom in "Our Dancing Daughters," was responsible for the direction of her new picture. They make a good combination, star and director, bound by mutual admiration and sympathy. The photography is excellent and pictorial effects good although most of the action takes place in the dingy confines of a second rate hotel, besieged by a rainstorm and festive travelling salesman.

Two Leading Men.

The leading men are Neil Hamilton and Clark Gable. Hamilton plays the part of the old love who comes back into the repentant girl's life. Gable is the Salvation Army boy, in love with Joan and worshipping her with honest devotion.

The supporting cast includes Marjorie Rambeau, Guy Kibbee, Cliff Edwards, Roscoe Karns, Gertrude Short, George Cooper, George F. Marion and Bert Woodruff.

The story starts with a roadside sequence to the life of the Salvation Army girl and action never plays for a moment.

Joan's song numbers include "What Can I Do—Love That Man."

BANANAS FOR OLSEN
AND JOHNSON.AMUSING SCENES IN "OH
SAILOR BEHAVE!"

"Yes, we want no bananas!" These were the words of Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson, following the filming of one of the scenes in "Oh Sailor Behave!" Warner Bros. all-talking and singing Vitaphone special playing to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre.

It seems that on the morning

FROM BANDMASTER
TO "STAR."

CAREER OF SCOTT KOLK.

Scott Kolk, who, as the wealthy young city ne'er-do-well, plays a big part in William Powell's "For the Defense" at the Central Theatre, is, like Rudy Vallee, another bandmaster from Maine who has made good with the public.

His career in the show business, though brief, has been active. While a student at the University of Maine he organized a dance band which became so popular that he and his band left school to accept a vaudeville engagement. Next, Kolk played in the Broadway musical show, "Take the Air," and following that engagement he took his band to Italy where he introduced the American master of ceremony idea to the Lido. Being urged to do so by all who knew him he next went to Hollywood and has had a series of fortunate parts in the talks.

He played a lead in a Laura La Plante picture and a featured part in a Marion Davies release. Before he signed with Paramount for "For the Defense" he was in "All Quiet on the Western Front" as a featured player.

"For the Defense" was written by Oliver H. P. Garrett, a former New York newspaperman, from a story suggested by Charles Furthman, a practicing attorney in the Chicago courts. The story deals with the life of a criminal lawyer, played by William Powell.

When this sequence was scheduled the comedians awoke too late for breakfast. They arrived at Warner Bros. studio breathless and hungry at nine fifteen in the morning. Suddenly, while waiting for Charles King and Irene Delroy to finish a particularly difficult scene, they espied a large bowl of bananas.

Six bananas later they prepared to rehearse their scene. Pictures their consternation when they discovered that it was a restaurant sequence in which each was required to eat a banana.

This scene was taken four times—one banana to a take!

HEROINE OF "TILLY
OF BLOOMSBURY."ACTING MOVES EVEN THE
"HARD BOILED" STAFF.

Phyllis Konstam had a remarkable tribute paid to her after the shooting of a dramatic scene in "Tilly of Bloomsbury," Sterling Film Co., Ltd., talkie production, which will be shown at the King's Theatre commencing next Thursday.

Jack Raymond, who directed the picture, is beloved amongst artists, and his gentle persuasiveness has the effect of getting the last ounce out of his artists, whether it be a comedy or dramatic sequence.

But even his equanimity was severely shaken during a scene in "Tilly of Bloomsbury." Phyllis Konstam, who plays the part of Tilly, has invited her fiancé's rich family to her modest home where attempts to put her relatives in as good a light as possible go all wrong, and culminate in a scene during which she denounces her future mother-in-law for her snobishness and patronage.

The manner in which Phyllis Konstam played this scene, the fervour of her denunciation, and her championing of her own family reached such a pitch of dramatic intensity that Jack Raymond was instant fear that Phyllis Konstam would collapse under the emotional strain.

When the scene was eventually taken, Jack Raymond, enthusiastically complimented her, and even the hard-boiled studio staff joined in the outburst of spontaneous applause.

DIRECTORS AND DETAILS.

PRE-WAR DRESSES AND SONGS
IN "SILENCE."

Intensive research at the Paramount studio preceded the filming of Max Marcin's noted stage melodrama, "Silence," to reproduce authentically the pre-war and present day settings, and to bring everything into line with Marcin's own ideas on his play. Dresses and scraps of songs are all of the period.

Marcin, who has been director at the Paramount studio for several months, having recently collaborat-

ed in the making of "The Lawyer's Secret," wrote the screen play for "Silence," and joined Louis Gasnier in directing it. Clive Brook, Marjorie Rambeau, Peggy Shannon and Charles Starrett head a brilliant cast of character players in this picture, which is now showing at the King's Theatre.

The plot centres around Clive Brook, first seen as a young and likable crook whose escapades bring ruin and death to the woman who loves him; later, as the father of Peggy Shannon, he sees his daughter's happiness menaced by his own had reputation, and takes on himself the blame for a crime he didn't commit. Only the girl's courage and love save him from making the supreme sacrifice.

£60,000 FOR NEW
SOUND STAGES.ANOTHER BRITISH FILM
STUDIO DEVELOPMENT.

Following the statement by Mr. Basil Dean regarding big extensions to the A.R.P. Studios, at Ealing Green, a further advance in the British studio push is announced.

The British Lion Film Corporation, of which Mr. Edgar Wallace is chairman, are to spend £60,000 on the construction of two new sound stages at their Beaconsfield studios.

This will enable the company to increase its output to twenty full length pictures a year.

"We planned these extensions two or three years ago," said Mr. S. W. Smith, managing director of the company, to-day, "when talkies took the place of the silent films."

Work on New Studios.

"The demands made on us by other productions units, as well as our own, made it imperative to increase our floor space, and we shall take in another acre of our four-acre site for this purpose."

"Work on the new studios will start in a few weeks, and we hope to complete it by April."

Mr. Edgar Wallace, it was stated, may direct pictures for the com-

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MAY HAVE TO LEAVE HOLLYWOOD.

LAURENCE OLIVIER AND JILL ESMOND VICTIMS
OF QUOTA.

Hollywood.—Two British film stars, Laurence Olivier and his wife, Miss Jill Esmond-Moore (Jill Esmond), are the latest victims of the American quota system.

The American authorities, it is stated, have refused to renew permission for Mr. Olivier and his wife to continue residence in the United States.

If this attitude is persisted in they will be obliged to leave America and take up residence in England, Canada, or Mexico, until the new quota figures are announced, when they will be allowed to re-enter.

Mr. Olivier declined to confirm or deny the statement, declaring that he "must be diplomatic at this stage."

Both Mr. Olivier and Miss

A FILM STAR FROM
CANADA.MISS PAULINE GARON AND
HER DEEP VOICE.

To-day I have been talking to a petite blonde with amused green eyes, a tip-tilted nose and a voice like Miss Constance Bennett.

She is Miss Pauline Garon, the Canadian film star, who is of French and Irish extraction and began her film career with Miss Norma Shearer. She is over forty on a holiday, but she is hoping appear in some British talkies.

She made a silent film in England in 1924 with Miss Irene Rich, called "What the Butler Saw."

When I talked to Miss Garon she told me that the telephone had been ringing so continuously that she had not had time to get up. She said:

"I have been photographed in green pyjamas and a pink bath gown and no make-up. I'm sure I shall look awful."

How They Were Convinced.

Then Constance Bennett and Lilyan Tashman, with their low, slightly hoarse voices, went into talkies, and the studio chiefs said: "If we can record them we can record Pauline."

It took two world-famous stars to establish the fact that I was any use in front of the microphone.

I was the first Canadian girl to make a French talkie in America. I have made three—The Green Ghost, directed by Jacques Feyder, and "Check to the King" and "Each His Own Life," made by the Marquis de la Fausaise, who has just married Constance Bennett—London Evening Standard.

THE BLONDE-BRUNETTE.

MISS GERTRUDE LAWRENCE'S
HAIR.

Talk at the Haymarket Theatre, one night last month centred largely on the subject of Miss Gertrude Lawrence's hair, writes a London critic.

There are blondes and there are brunettes; Miss Lawrence elected to be both simultaneously. Across her brown hair was a platinum-blond streak a couple of inches wide.

I was informed by a woman who knows about such matters that this ultra-modern fashion is the result of the tendency the sun has in the South of France to bleach dark hair, and it is known as the "Riviera bleach."

The effect is certainly remarkable, Whistler's famous white lock seemed normal in comparison.

MR. SEYMOUR HICKS.

WIFE'S ILLNESS CAUSES
PLAY POSTPONEMENT.

London.—The sudden and severe illness of Mrs. Seymour Hicks has caused a postponement of "The Gay Adventure," the new Whitehall Theatre production.

Mr. Seymour Hicks was called from a rehearsal to the bedside of his wife, who had been found to have a severe attack of poisoning, which the doctors feared would affect the heart.

The doctors have suggested that Mr. Hicks should not leave his wife's side for another two days, when she is expected to be completely out of danger, and the opening performance of the new play has thus been postponed.

pany on his return from Hollywood early next year, when "Persons Unknown" is to be produced.

Mr. Wallace's "The Case of the Frightened Lady" is at present in production under the direction of Mr. T. Hayes Hunter.

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wild animals, though they were unsuccessful in catching a tiger, which they saw in the jungle. During the present winter several parties of British and American sportsmen are expected to arrive in the district for the purpose of shooting game and also studying the possibilities of business through the new port. It is reported that the Japanese are at present hurriedly constructing the railway from Dunhua to the Korean frontier, and this line will link up Northern Manchuria through Kirin, Changchun and Sipingai-Taonan, thus cutting away very large quantities of grain which have hitherto been exported by the Chinese Eastern Railway. The port of Seisin, when completed, is bound seriously to affect Vladivostok, as it is much nearer to Japan and Europe than the Northern port, and is also on the open sea and therefore is never frozen. If Manchuria is to remain in the hands of the Japanese, and they finish their railway building programme, the Chinese Eastern Railway will become almost useless for the export trade, and the port of Vladivostok will not receive any goods from Manchuria.

There are also many reports that Soviet Russia would be quite willing to give up her interests in the Chinese Eastern Railway, as she considers that there is really no profit in running it, and it is also not so important strategically, because it runs through foreign territory and cannot be so well protected as railways which run through Soviet Russia itself. As a means of communication from Siberia to Asia, it is certainly of great value, but the number of passengers that use the Trans-Siberian line is far from sufficient to pay the expenses of running the passenger trains.

Some Good Hunting.

At present excellent hunting may be got in this district, as one party who went out on a shooting trip of two or three weeks killed many bears, mountain goats and other

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WOMAN'S SEARCH FOR NIRVANA.

DETERMINED ON LHASA OR DEATH.

ELECTRIC LIGHT FOR TACHUENLU.

Tachuenlu, Nov. 30.—Yesterday Sister Alice left the frontier for Chengtu. It was during the early summer of 1924 that she first came on to the border, travelling from the capital with Mrs. Lee of the Salt Gabelle; and during her few years in Tachuenlu she has greatly endeared herself to all whom her kindly healing hand has touched. It is only some ten years since she left beautiful Quebec to come to China for mission work, having taken her training as a nurse in a Canadian hospital. For the past few years she has been in charge of the French hospital at the main port-helpers travellers, sick and weary, from the wide Asiatic steppes, have found comfort and solace from the kind ministrations of this gentle nurse. Tachuenlu holds the same relation to Tibet as Shanghai does to the sea. The sheep-skinned nomad and the red-robed lama and the dust-stained drab may travel many long and weary months across the wide Tibetan plateaux before they reach a place of healing for their sick bodies. Sister Alice, during the past few years has graciously ministered to both Tibetans and Chinese. Chinese soldiers from the interior find the hospital at the South Gate a place where they can go with their frost-bitten hands and feet. Many of these poor fellows suffer terribly from altitude and frost-bite and the hospital has always had its doors open for them.

Again, Sister Alice will be greatly missed by the many orphan children at the South Gate. In her they had a sure friend and mother and her place will not be easily filled in their young hearts. Rich and poor, priest and layman, Tibetan and Chinese, will be sorry to see this Sister of Mercy leave the border.

Everybody Does It.

We have the following tit-bit from Bakang, eighteen days west of Tachuenlu. "We have Mrs. Ena Grubbs here now and she is hanging around the border hoping to either get into Lhasa or die on the road." Why get into Lhasa and why die on the road? It is a perfectly simple journey and hundreds of little boys do it every year from every hole and corner of the land of the lamas. All you need is a good Tibetan horse, a reliable Tibetan servant, some fairly warm clothing, a large supply of Tsamso, a quantity of hard-smelling rancid yak butter, and a letter of introduction to the Dalai Lama. A good stout tent and a cooking pot would make the journey much more enjoyable and avoid sleeping out on the passes. The Tibetan madam who cooks our Chinese rice did it when she was quite a young girl and speaks very little about it. Why Mrs. Grubbs should want to go to Lhasa is difficult to understand. Tibet and the Blue Bay are much more accessible, and probably much cleaner. However she is determined to go even if it means the "supreme sacrifice."

It is true that very little is known about the Roof of the World and all less about the Land of the Lamas. It may be that years of repression are now bearing fruit and forcing Mrs. Grubbs to express herself in this extraordinary way. But why Lhasa and why Tibet? It may be that the Black prayer, "Mari-nu-tri-sa-lu-da" and the Yellow prayer, "Om-ma-ni-pud-me-hum" have a strange and peculiar attraction for this lady adventurer. It may be that Mrs. Grubbs is labouring under the conviction that this land of mystery holds after all the primordial source of all happiness. It may be that the lama's strange philosophy with its ten powers of knowledge is unconsciously pulling this lady of means towards the Forbidden Land. Or, perhaps, Mrs. Grubbs desires to escape from the greatest evil of all, namely, existence. But as birth, old age, sickness, and death constitute this great evil it seems a bit odd to see her go to Lhasa, a land where, however, Mrs. Grubbs be held up on the way, which is not impossible,

she can always devote herself to the study of the seven periods of life, or the four kinds of ways of being born, or the four mystical powers of meditation, or the three spheres of man's doing. In all probability Mrs. Grubbs is obsessed by the simple desire to write a book about the Tibetan nomad, his simple ways and unaffected means, and she has no desire whatever to interfere in anyway with the Lama's religion, science, or philosophy. A book about the wild and woolly nomad, who lives inside a sheep-skin and smells as if he does so, has yet to be detailed to a patient, waiting world.

Delayed Electric Light.

Tachuenlu one of these days will be a blaze of electric light. The power house is nearly finished and the tall poles are already disfiguring the streets but the light will soon be here. Rumour has it the machinery has arrived at Yachow, eight days from here. The firm putting up the electric light has been most unfortunate. A man with the required ability was deputed to proceed to Shanghai and purchase the necessary electric plant. In the course of events this was done and everything carefully insured. Between Hankow and Ichang the steamer ran on a sand bank and to avoid a nasty visit from the brigands on the other bank the vessel unloaded part of its cargo into the muddy waters of the Yangtze, including the machinery for the power house in Tachuenlu. This was bad news and both the robbers and the Yangtze have come in for a share of the local merchants' unstinted appreciation. But what could be done? There was 'tlen' and that force had to be reckoned with. The man with the ability notified the general public in Tachuenlu and another subscription was raised to see the thing through. And the machine is now almost at the door.

BELGIUM HIT BY BRITISH TARIFFS.

RETALIATION URGED.

A meeting attended by representatives of the Belgian industries chambers of commerce and industry, and agricultural organisations has been held at Brussels to protest against the Customs measures adopted by foreign countries.

Mr. Ernest Wilford, the president of the Belgian Textile Association, pointed out the serious repercussions of the new British Customs duties, added to the depreciation of the pound sterling, on the Belgian textile industry. Not only were the spinning and weaving mills affected, and contemplating closing down, but also the auxiliary industries, such as the finishing, machinery, small tool, and dye. Moreover, the new duties were causing other countries to take reprisals indirectly affecting Belgium exports.

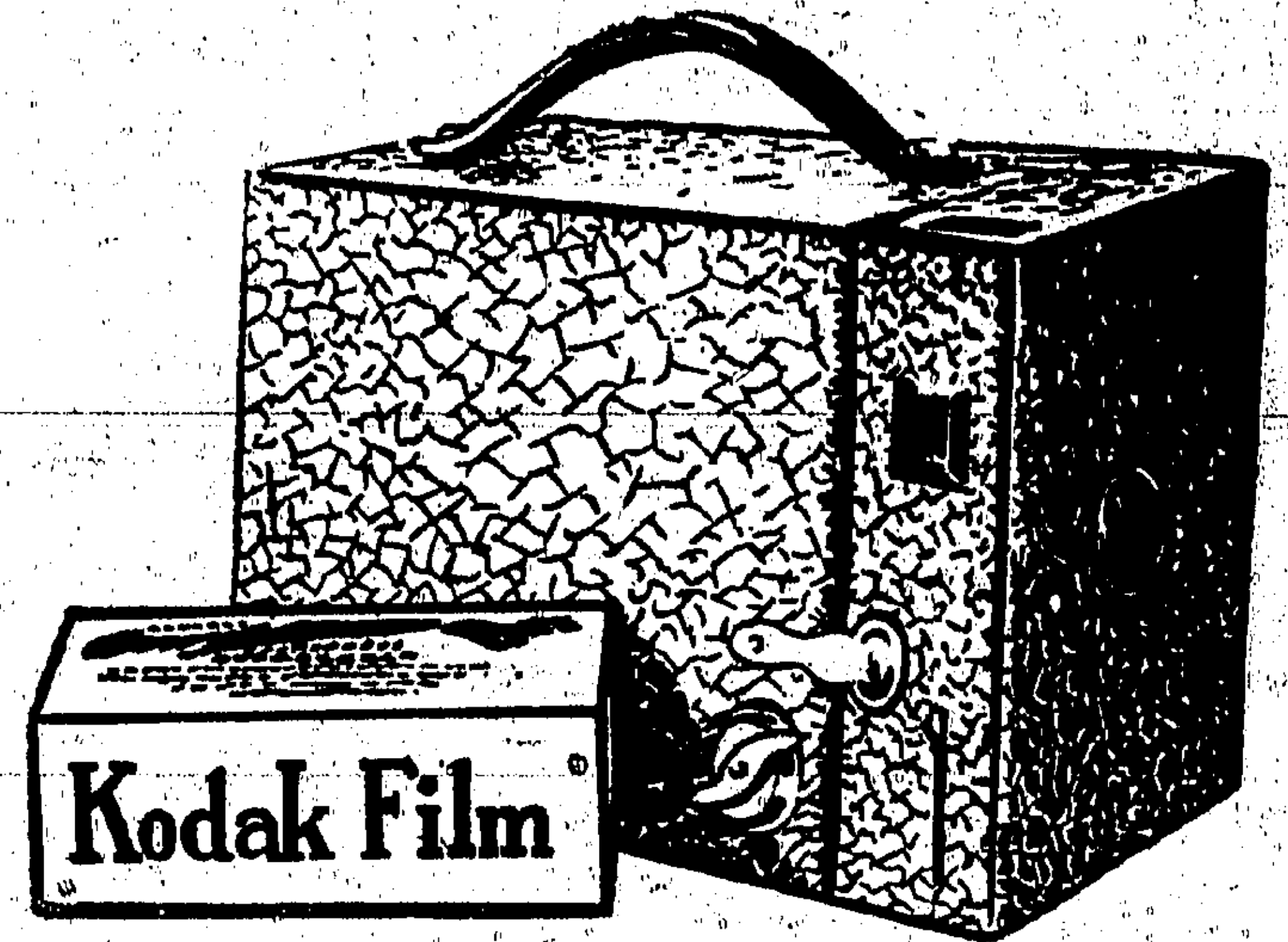
At the same time the home market itself was threatened, said Mr. Wilford, for recently the Belgian textile industry lost numerous orders to British rivals favoured by the fall in sterling. It would not be surprising, he said, if in these circumstances Belgian textile manufacturers, who had hitherto been ardent supporters of Free Trade, asked the Government to adopt provisional measures to safeguard their home market pending the expansion by means of economic agreements.

Mr. Dobbelaers, secretary of the Jute Weavers' Association, referring to the decline in direct exports of jute cloth from Belgium owing to the loss of the British market, said that this loss was all the more serious because it particularly affected the special weaves of a small number of firms. The temporary admission without adequate control and any quota system of growing quantities of jute bags from India constituted in itself, and especially since the depreciation of the pound, a serious menace for the weaving mills, and consequently for the jute spinning mills. In fact, conditions were so bad that a complete cessation of production was to be feared.

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"ERA OF SAVAGERY" PASSING.

WOMEN AND BIRTH CONTROL.

A reply to critics of his recent pronouncements on birth control was made at the Leeds Assizes by Mr. Justice McCardie.

His lordship also referred to what he called the passing of "the era of savagery" in connection with charges of wilful murder in abortion cases.

Passing sentence of seven months' imprisonment on Lily Scruton (48), of Sheffield, who pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of a young married woman, and to an attempt to procure abortion, the Judge said: "It is quite clear that at the time you made the attempt the woman was already suffering from grave physical trouble. But for that trouble she would not have died."

"You are technically guilty of manslaughter; you have also admitted an offence against the present law of abortion. In the first place, you were charged with wilful murder. The very last thing that you desired was the death of the woman at whose request you acted and, yet, a charge of wilful murder was made against you."

"Menace" to Nation.

"Speaking with deliberation, the Judge continued:

"Such a charge illustrates, in my opinion, the ignorance and brutality with which the law of abortion is too often administered, and it is plain to me that many of those who seek to uphold the present law of abortion are wholly ignorant of the grave social problems which not only beset but menace the nation at the present time."

"In this case the woman, now dead, did not wish for another child. She already had three children of the ages of six, five and three years. The husband wanted a child, but it was the wife who had to undergo the burden and the fear of child-bearing."

"I repeat once more that this case illustrates the need for a far wider extension of birth-control knowledge than at present exists."

Mother and Child.

"I cannot think it right," his lordship added, "that a woman should be forced to bear a child against her will. I am glad that, in the present case, the jury throw out the charge of wilful murder, and I hope that the era of savagery in connection with these cases is drawing to an end."

He referred to the fact that Scruton had been in prison for five months under the charge of wilful murder and that she was alleged to have practised abortion for charges of 4s. 6d. and 6s. 6d.

"They are very significant figures taken in connection with the social problem I have stated. But they demonstrate also that you were never guilty of extortion or blackmail."

In conclusion, the judge said: "In view of the fact that you have already spent five months in prison, and having regard to the charge of wilful murder—a wholly unjustified charge—I have no doubt that you are a serious criminal offence."

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CONVICT RELEASED.

THE SILENT HOME OFFICE.

Six months after receiving sentence of seven years' penal servitude, a scaman has been released from Dartmoor Prison.

And he does not know why. The *News-Chronicle* was informed by a Home Office official that no explanation would be issued.

The man, Jacobus Peters Van Dyn, whose home is in South Africa, is 35 years of age and of Boer parentage. He told the *News-Chronicle* yesterday that he had not been informed of the reason for his release, but was handed a certificate of discharge, which stated that he was free in consequence of "remission of the remainder of the sentence."

The certificate, bearing a large red seal, was signed by the Governor of Dartmoor Prison.

"O.K. Chief."

Van Dyn was sentenced at the Old Bailey last June on a charge of "wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm."

The prosecutor was a waiter, who stated that he was attacked and robbed in a lane at Ruislip (Middlesex).

Van Dyn's defence was a plea of mistaken identity. He said that he was not at Ruislip on the night of the attack.

On hearing the sentence, he said to Sir Ernest Wild, the Recorder: "O.K. Chief."

An appeal against the conviction was entered but withdrawn. After his arrival at Dartmoor however, Van Dyn continued to protest his innocence, and three weeks ago the Governor allowed him to send a petition to the Home Secretary.

"In reply," Van Dyn told the *News-Chronicle*, "I had a request from the Home Office for more details. I heard nothing further, when suddenly I was allowed to go. 'I have discovered since my release that two little girls, who had given evidence for me at the Old Bailey, were questioned by the police after I petitioned the Home Secretary.'

"They repeated that I had nothing to do with the attack, as they knew that I was not at Ruislip when it occurred. I told the Court that I was innocent, but it made no difference. The authorities' action now is surprising, but they decided to make right at last."

"I am going to call at the Home Office for a passport now, collect some funds and get out of the country."

Van Dyn, a short, powerfully-built man, is tattooed on every part of his body. On his forehead, he has tattooed over his right eye a couple of tarantula spiders, over his left eye a butterfly and the words "Floreat Columbia" linking the two.

During the war he served in the Lancashire Fusiliers as a sniper and was wounded four times.

He founded a charge from a moral point of view—I shall sentence you to a further period of seven months' imprisonment."

A CONSUMER'S COMMENT.

Commenting on the recent remarks of Mr. Justice McCardie on the practice of abortion, Mr. W. H. Carlie, the Doncaster coroner, at an inquest yesterday said: "It will be a sorry day for this country when people can practise abortion and get away with it. It encourages immorality."

"I hope that people in face of what has been said at the Assizes will not now carry on this practice which has always been looked upon as a serious criminal offence."

WHEN MR. GANDHI WAS IN ROME.

VISIT TO MUSSOLINI.

A WARM WALK WITH THE PRESSMEN.

The wise ascetic from the East had been awaited with intense curiosity in the old capital of the West. His fame had reached all classes, high and low, throughout Italy. At Domodossola, at the end of the Simplon line, he was greeted by a large crowd with a hearty ovation, and the demonstrations of sympathy were repeated at the stations along Lago Maggiore and on the way to Milan. In the great new railway station in Milan the police had to protect him from molestation by all too enthusiastic admirers. Here he was approached by the station superintendent, on behalf of the Italian Government, and asked whether he wished to go on to Rome in a first or third class carriage; he was free to travel by either. As a practically minded man Mr. Gandhi decided that, since there was no difference in price, he would go first, in the comfortable red cushions—to the unmistakable satisfaction of his travel-worn following.

He declined, however, the invitation to take a meal in the dining car. He had already taken his sparse meal on the journey—a cup of goat's milk, uncooked vegetables, and uncooked fruit. The public watched with no little interest as the Indians went with their luggage from one train to the other. Mr. Gandhi's personal belongings were wrapped in coarse linen sack, one parcel containing his spinning wheel. The rest of the party had ordinary leather cases. Large numbers of cushions and overcoats were brought along with them.

Gandhi's arrival in Rome was the event of the day, but he successfully evaded the general curiosity. He was to be the guest of General Moris, the General was not personally known to him, but had been mentioned by Romain Rolland as a mutual friend.

Visit to the Duce.

It was a strange picture when the Indian leader, wearing only his self-woven toga of white wool, below which his thin child's legs were to be seen, and with coarse sandals on his feet, stopped in front of the monumental porch of the Palazzo Venezia, where the two Blackshirts

on guard presented arms. He went up the ceremonial staircase to the Duce's official apartments, and at length appeared before the uncrowned ruler of Italy, the semi-naked Oriental ascetic face to face with the prophet of the new Imperium Romanum. The conversation, in English, lasted twenty minutes; the only witness was General Moris, Mr. Gandhi's host. It was significant that on coming away the general, who knew no English, had understood nothing but the frequently repeated word "India."

A radiant morning greeted the Mahatma after his Roman night; all nature seemed of crystal. An interested assemblage awaited him early in the garden of the Villa Moris, with its fine view of the hilly landscape.

On the Via Triumphalis.

Suddenly, in an unexpected moment, and in complete silence, Gandhi came out of the house. Without consulting him all present followed him, like the children following after the Pied Piper. Automatically a procession formed, in regular rows of five. In front came Gandhi, with Indians and Europeans at his side, then Italians and British, Americans and Germans. A crowd of motor-cars, in neat array, brought up this strange procession.

We had a short talk with him. Asked about his visit to the Duce, he replied that it would not be correct for him to speak about it; then, like a new St. Francis from the East, he added:

"But why not talk about Italy's domestic animals, or her vegetables, or her radiant sunlight?"

One of the company asked maliciously:

"Do you not think the Indian custom of letting the crows devour the dead an ugly one?"

"The Indians," Mr. Gandhi replied instantly, "give up the bodies of their dead to the crows and the Europeans theirs to the worms; it is a question of taste. The essential thing is that the souls shall be saved."

MR. A. J. COOK LEAVES £3,000.

London, Jan. 2.—The estate of the late Mrs. A. J. Cook, veteran socialist and leader of the British miners, has been sworn at a little under £3,000.

THREE POTS OF PASTE.

ADMIRALTY'S ESSAY IN ECONOMY.

This is the true story of the Admiralty and three pots of office paste—a little lesson in economy.

Last month, news was brought to the Department of the Civil Engineer-in-Chief at H.M. Dockyard, Chatham, that there was a shortage of "best quality paste, in 10-ounce jars, for repairing tracings, drawings, etc."

No time was lost. With scarcely a creak the mighty machinery swung into motion. In due course, the members of the British paste-making industry received Form D—18 (Outside) Revised June 1927, inviting tenders for three jars (brand of paste quoted for to be stated in tenders).

The document in question is double foolscap, two sides of which contain the conditions of contract—quality, inspection and testing, cartage, empties, fair wages, sub-contracts, bankruptcy, bribery and inspection of contractors' wages books.

Gummed-in-slips provide still more good reading, and invite manufacturers, when King's Roll, and the numbers of their male and female employees.

The value of the three jars of paste is approximately 3s. and the possible saving involved by inviting tenders would perhaps amount to 6d.

EX-KAISER CONFINED TO BED.

Doorn, Holland, Jan. 2.—Former Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany to-day was confined to his bed at Doorn Castle, his home in exile since the revolution near the end of the World War.

It is announced at Castle Doorn that the former Kaiser is suffering from a severe cold contracted while he was working out of doors during cold and inclement mid-winter weather.

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TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

P.W.D. ENGINEER FINED.

At Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. A. Brailsford of the P.W.D. was summoned for driving his motor cycle along Old Bailey without a permit. It was stated that the district was closed to motor traffic. When the defendant's name was called, it was found that he was not in Court but was represented by someone else who entered a plea of guilty. The defendant's representative said that Mr. Brailsford asked him to explain to the Court that on the morning of the offence, he (the defendant) was in a hurry to go to the Radio Office where he was employed and he had gone down Old Bailey before he realised that he had used a "closed road."

After Inspector Alexander of the Traffic Department had told the Court that the defendant had a bad record, a fine of \$10 was imposed.

A Caution.

A caution was considered sufficient by the Magistrate in the case when Mr. A. Becker was summoned for travelling without proper headlights. The defendant pleaded guilty but when it was stated that he had driven over a year and had a good record, the Magistrate remarked that he thought a caution would meet the case.

For passing a stationary car on the left hand side on Hennessy Road, the driver of a lorry was fined \$10 when he was charged with the offence before Mr. Schofield.

DOCTOR'S SON DISCHARGED.

NO EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY.

PASSPORT FRAUD CASE.

Kwan Shiu Yee, son of Dr. K. L. Kwan, who was charged before Mr. E. H. Williams in connection with an attempt to obtain passports by fraud, was discharged by the Magistrate yesterday, who held that there was no case against him and that there was no evidence that he was in any way involved in the conspiracy. The Magistrate also observed that Kwan had not been seen in the company of either of the two other defendants, who were before the Court.

At the close of the evidence, Mr. M. K. Lo, who was defending Kwan, stated that he had no wish to add anything to what he had said at the previous hearing, except to make it clear that the statement alleged to have been made by Dr. Kwan to Mr. Thompson at the office of the S.O.A. to the effect that his son knew the defendant was not made in his son's presence. In any case, he had not examined on the point and would not do so. His Worship did not infer from his stand that he accepted Mr. Thompson's statement. He had seen Dr. Kwan since the last hearing and understood that he had never made such a statement.

His Worship discharged Kwan and agreed that there was no case against him. He pointed out that, in addition to there being no evidence of conspiracy on Kwan's part, anything might have obtained Kwan's birth certificate as the Ordinance rendered it possible for anybody to obtain such a certificate. There was no evidence that Kwan himself was ever in possession of the document.

Mr. Lo made a lengthy submission at the conclusion of the evidence on behalf of his clients, and after hearing him, his Worship convicted them only on the charge of obtaining travel certificates by unlawful means. Fines of \$250 were imposed on each of the two defendants. The alternative to the fine was six weeks' hard labour.

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Running commentaries 2
European studio concerts 1
European relays 13
Chinese studio concerts 5
Chinese relays 6
European lectures 2
Chinese lectures 0
European children's programmes 2
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New licences issued during December, 1931: 40.
Total number of licences issued during 1931: 1,798.
During the month the European hours of transmission were extended on several occasions for relays of the Philharmonic Society performance and dance programmes over the Christmas holidays.

COLLISION CLAIM.

FURTHER EVIDENCE IN HARBOUR MISHAP.

CHINESE PILOT CALLED TO TESTIFY.

The collision between the s.s. Kiangsu and s.s. Toyooka Maru in a fog off Kowloon Dock Point on March 22 was recalled when the hearing of an action in the Supreme Court was continued before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Knap) yesterday in Admiralty Jurisdiction. The Hon. Condr. H. F. Hole, R.N. (Retired), Harbour Master, acted as assessor.

The China Navigation Company claim \$40,000 damages, while the Nippon Yusen Kaisha counter-claim \$40,554.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, was for the China Navigation Company, while Mr. H. G. S. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley, appeared for the N.Y.K.

It is claimed by the China Navigation Company that the Toyooka Maru was at fault inasmuch as the Master steered his ship across the fairway in a fog while going out, while the in-coming Kiangsu kept to the starboard side.

Helm Action.

Mr. Sheldon quoted authorities which he claimed showed that if a ship did not know the position of another ship, there was nothing to compel the master to take helm action, it had been held that in such circumstances it was better to maintain course. If, however, the circumstances were such that the master deemed it necessary to take helm action, then he could do so. He maintained that the Toyooka Maru was right in keeping to her course as she did.

If Capt. Kitajima of the Kiangsu had not taken helm action, by taking his in-coming ship more over to starboard there would have been no collision.

Pilot Called.

A further witness called was the Chinese pilot of the Toyooka Maru, who gave the speeds of the vessel and its position at all material times until the moment of collision when there was a dense fog. Witness, in answer to Mr. Sheldon, said that the reason why the ship's course was changed was because it was making towards a buoy with the object of anchoring there.

Witness was questioned at length by Mr. Jenkin on points of speed and the position of the vessel. Witness in giving the speed of the Toyooka Maru said that one knot had to be deducted from his figures in each case to allow for the sailing against the current. It was difficult to give definite figures owing to the thickness of the fog.

The case was adjourned until this morning.

LOCAL BROADCASTING.

REPORT FOR LAST MONTH.

The following report for last month has been issued by the Hong Kong Broadcasting Committee:—
Actual hours of transmission totalled 270.75 of which 184.25 were devoted to European Programmes and 112.50 to Chinese Programmes, as follows:—

Morning transmissions including commercial news and church relays 54.30
Evening transmission 110.45

Monthly percentages: European, 50.35; Chinese, 49.65.

During the month the following items were broadcast:—
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HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

The market was still somewhat quiet yesterday morning, but rates were fairly well maintained.

Sales.
Lands, \$302.
Constructions (old), \$5.55.
Constructions (new), \$1.55.
H.K. Ropes, \$184.

Buyers.

Wharves, \$158.
H.K. Lands, \$82.30.
Ewos, Tls. 13.
Star Ferries, \$904.
Canton Iron, \$54.
H.K. Ropes, \$18.
Shicard, \$16.
Constructions (new), \$1.80.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Providents (old), \$5.30.
Providents (new), \$2.40.
Trams, \$23.40.
Singapore Traction, 3/4.
Cements (old), \$192.
Dairy Farms, \$29.
Powells, \$34.
H.K. Government Loan, \$34 per cent. premium.

Sellers.

Indo-Chinas (pref.), \$45.
Indo-Chinas (def.), \$32.
H.K. Electric, \$764.
Entertainments, \$104.
Rauhs, \$39.
Ewos, Tls. 134.
Telephones (part paid), \$20.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A fair enquiry prevail for investment stocks and in some instances higher prices would have been paid if shares were forthcoming.

Sales.

Wharves, \$158.
Cements (combined), \$19.60.
Hotels (old), \$15.35.
Constructions (new), \$1.85.

Buyers.

Cements (combined), \$19.60.
Star Ferries, \$904.
Ewos, Tls. 10.25.
Dairy Farms, \$29.20.
Hotels (old), \$15.40.
Dairy Farms, \$294.

SHANGHAI STOCKS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received by cable, quotations of the following Shanghai Stocks:—

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International Investment Trust Co., (Ord.)	10 10
Cathay Land	12 50
Yangtze Finance Co.	6 00
International Assurance Co.	4 80
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New Engineerings	8 25
Shanghai Docks	90 00
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves	220 00
Shanghai Electric	34 25
Ewo Cottons	10 40
Shanghai Cottons	78 00
Zoong Sing Cottons	11 25
American Asiatic Underwriters	33 50
American Oriental Finance Corp. "B"	28 00
Asia Realty "B"	28 60
General Forge Products	7 25
Gold & Bonds 1925	57 75

STIFF SENTENCES FOR SNATCHERS.

LADY RELIEVED OF GOLD BANGLE AND WATCH.

The case in which three Chinese were charged in connection with a snatching incident at Cox's Road, Kowloon, last week, was brought to a conclusion before Mr. J. A. Fraser yesterday when the first defendant was sentenced to a term of four months in prison while the third man was given six months. The charge against the second defendant was withdrawn as the man gave King's evidence.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan was for the second man while the case for the prosecution was in the hands of Sergeant Edwards.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the second and third defendants were walking in company with a young lady at the time of the incident. All of a sudden the first defendant and another man, who is not in custody, came to from behind and snatched the lady's gold bangle and platinum wrist watch, the total value of which was placed at \$350.

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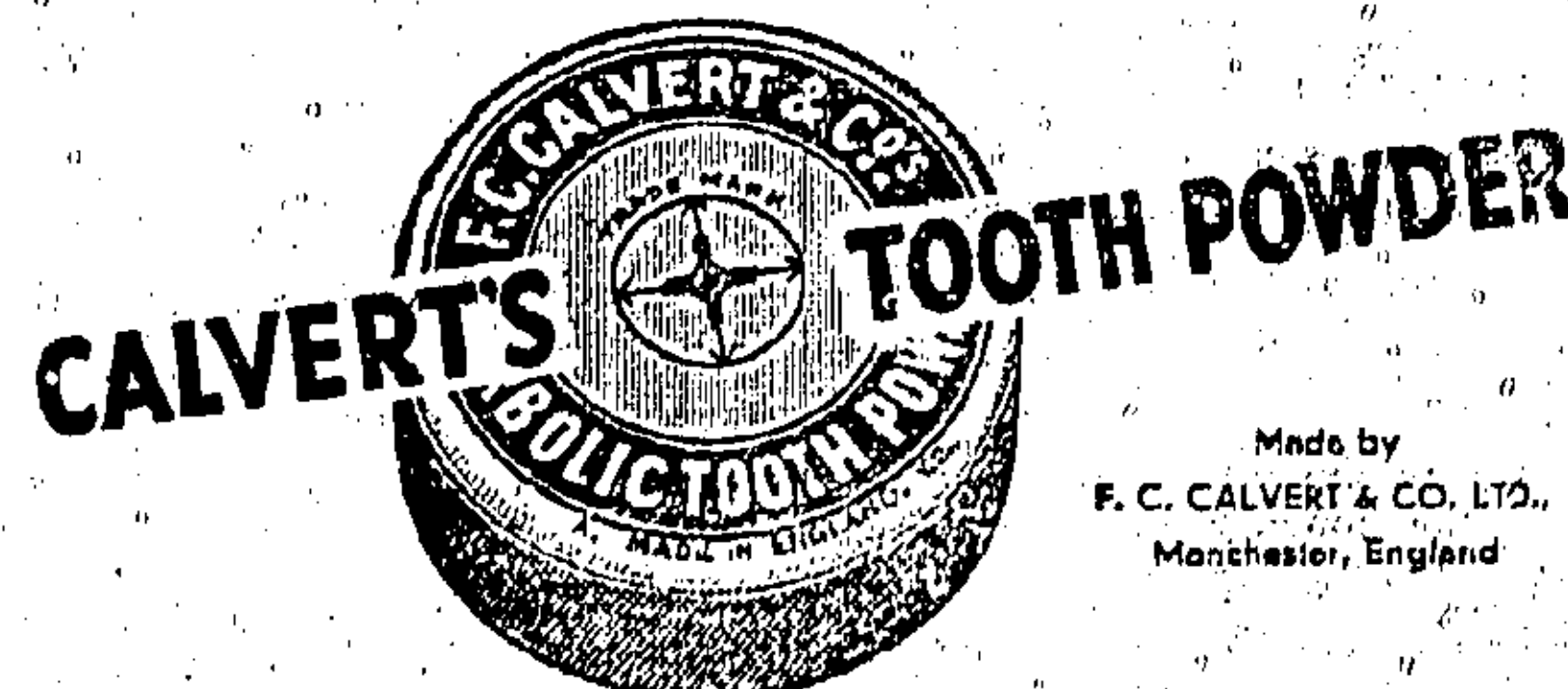
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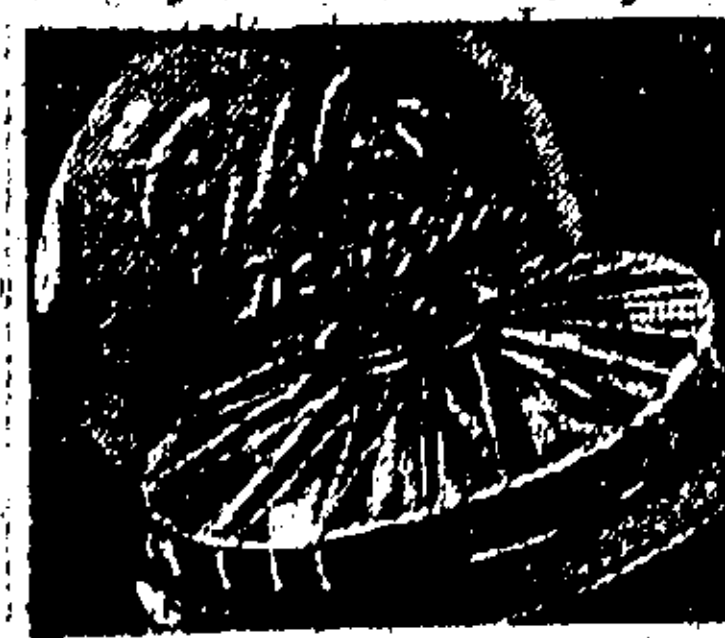
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POLITICS AND KHAKI FOR INFANTS.

IN THE CITY OF WENCHOW.

"ACTIVE ANTI-JAPANESE PROPAGANDA."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wenchow, December 23.—While, during the last few months in other places there have been violent anti-Japanese student disturbances, the city of Wenchow, Chekiang has enjoyed comparative security and quiet. That is not to say that the local student organizations are out of sympathy with the National student bodies, but only that their enthusiasm and anti-Japanese exuberances have not so far gone beyond the official activities permitted by the local authorities.

Militarism Among Students.

The students have not been idle. They have been in close co-operation with the National Salvation Society, organizing the boycott, and in the schools bringing the military element, already not inconspicuous right to the forefront. Thus every school is now organized on the lines of a military camp, and as an enrolling station for student squads of boys who enlist voluntarily as young soldiers, and drill together in the playing-field, armed with dummy rifles. A bugler has replaced the school bell to announce changes of classes. In the libraries spread on the conspicuous tables and hung along the walls are maps and books dealing with the Manchurian situation, all detrimental to Japan. In the street a placard displays pictorially, and with lavish use of crimson colours, some of the library literature. Every now and again there are short holidays in the senior middle schools so as to enable the students and staff to propagate the facts or some of the facts of the situation to the illiterate, by means of public meetings, and also to make a tour of the shops confiscating or sealing up all goods made in Japan.

Militant Infants.

Even the wee mites of the primary schools have done their bit. One hardly knew whether to laugh or to cry at the not infrequent sight of little fellows, probably not yet advanced beyond the third National Reader, congregating together at street corners with the avowed intention, as I gathered from their baby speeches and slogans, of urging their unpatriotic elders, to go to war. These same children were all wearing the arm badge of National humiliation. Finally, and most funny, all are now in khaki uniform.

Boycott Makes Money Scarce.

One result of the boycott has been to make money scarce. Shopkeepers with their money sealed up in unsaleable Japanese goods have been borrowing at a rising scale of interest from the money-shops, who are themselves getting into difficulties, and will have no relief as long as the situation is prolonged. Even if the banks come to the aid of the smaller money concerns money will continue to be scarce, with interference to trade, and disaster to many businesses.

There have been a few incidents, absurd and serious, connected with this boycotting. A Chinese Customs official superintending in a country centre was assaulted and beaten on a mistaken charge of permitting Japanese goods, to pass through.

Pillory Revived.

An incident with some humour in it suggests a revival of the Old English Stocks, or the Pillory. A Wenchow City man discovering that a certain shop was selling Japanese goods by subterfuge, threatened to disclose the fact. Later he agreed to sell them a promise of silence for \$50. All this was somehow discovered by the police. The result was that the shop lost all its Japanese goods, in addition to the \$50, and the blackmailer was first fined, and then condemned to the tub for half-an-hour every afternoon. This tub was thereafter at each appointed time set in the public square, the occupant standing in it up to his armpits enjoying to the full, no doubt, his sudden notoriety.

SWATOW'S STUBBORN STUDENTS.

SUPPRESSION BY MILITARY ORDERED.

PROFESSORS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES DEFIED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Swatow, January 9.—The strike of the Swatow students continues with the same ardour and zeal. Nobody wants to study and those who go to school every morning just go for a bit of recreation and that is all.

On Tuesday a meeting of the Principals of the Middle and Primary Schools was held in the Commercial School. No less than 20 schools were represented. The object of the meeting was to discuss ways and means by which the students of the Primary Schools could be induced to drop their demands and call off the general strike.

Soldiers to Take a Hand.

In the meantime the Canton Provincial Government have requested the local Second Division (Military) Headquarters to attempt solve the problem, at the same time giving it a free hand. The failure of the municipality to affect a settlement is proved by the sudden disappearance of Mr. Ma, the gentleman sent up from Canton to arbitrate. In this connection it may be mentioned that Mr. Ma received special instructions from the Kuomintang Party to subdue the activities of the students, whose feelings were so embittered that they looked for him in vain the other day to "throw out" the matter.

Orders Defied.

Yesterday the Municipal Office and the Second Division issued a mandate ordering the schools to reopen at once. One school, but only one, secured about 80 per cent. of its total roll of 300 and the boys resumed classes as usual. The Students Association is opposing the order to resume study and "inspectors" go round every day to investigate. Even Government Schools have ignored instructions to reopen, and important developments are awaited.

Boycott Committees.

The Union School, on Wednesday, was the scene of a second meeting of School Principals. Representatives of the Student Associations were also present. A committee of three Principals was formed and confronted the students, endeavouring to persuade them to resume study pending a settlement. The students replied, "Nothing doing" and there the matter stood.

Another Students' Union, by the name of Linx Tung, has been formed, and a Boycott Committee will be started comprised of its members only. On the other hand, the Labour Unions are also forming their own Boycott Committee and though the objects of the Committees will be the same, conflicts are bound to arise.

Faith in Ma Chan Shan Dwindling.

Public opinion about General Ma Chan Shan is now much divided. Some papers express surprise that, in spite of so much money being raised on his behalf the General is still unable to counter-attack the Japanese and drive them out of Manchuria. The Chinese feel very much about the evacuation of Chin-chow, and confidence in Ma Chan Shan is slowly dwindling.

NAVAL FUNERALS.

TWO MEN FROM THE CUMBERLAND.

The funeral of A.B. Patrick Ward of H.M.S. Cumberland took place at Happy Valley on Monday afternoon when it was accorded full naval honours. It will be remembered that the deceased was found in the rifle range at Stonecutters Island with a bullet wound through his head. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Naval Chaplain of H.M.S. Kent. Following this funeral was that of Stoker Tottman, the same ship, who died at the Naval Hospital on Sunday night from double pneumonia and pleurisy. There was a large attendance at the graveside, the deceased being also accorded full naval honours.

THE ISLAND OF HAINAN.

THE FASCINATION OF A TROPICAL LAND.

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE: AN INTERESTING PEOPLE.

"The Island of Hainan" was the subject of a very interesting address at the Rotary Club tiffin yesterday, by Dr. Bercovitz, of the American Presbyterian Hospital at Hoihow. Among the guests were Rotarian H. Hitchens of Singapore, and, in introducing him, the President, Sir William Hornell, said it was a great pleasure to have Mr. Hitchens with them and he hoped that when he returned to Singapore, he would give fellow Rotarians there the good wishes of the Hong Kong branch of the Club. Other guests entertained were Mr. D. D. Mackay, Mr. H. B. Bailey and Mr. C. Y. Chan.

After Dr. Bercovitz' address, Rotarian Herklots, in a very appropriate speech, thanked him on behalf of the Club.

ROTARY CLUB ADDRESS.

Addressing the gathering Dr. Bercovitz said he first introduced to the Island of Hainan as far back as 1915 and although he experienced no little inconvenience before he was able to get on to the island, his opinion about the place was now completely changed. He thought at first that it was not a very nice place but after a long stay in the place he could assure all present that Hainan was a very interesting and fascinating island.

The island itself was about 260 miles south-west of Hong Kong and was about the same size as Formosa, being about 180 miles long while the broadest part of the island measured some 115 miles. The island was about 15 miles from the mainland and the speaker said that there was no doubt that Hainan was once a part of the mainland.

Geologically speaking, Hainan was largely of lava formation and even to-day there were several extinct volcanoes in the place, the craters of which could still be seen while the courses of the flowing lava could be clearly traced. A good deal of the soil was red earth, similar to that found in the Hawaiian Islands. The northern and eastern parts of the island were flat but in the centre or interior, mountains up to the height of some 7,000 feet could be found. This was, however, only a very brief description of the geological and physical features of the island. The inhabitants were mostly Chinese but in the interior some aboriginal people were still living there.

One important feature of the place was that the island was wholly within the tropics and the people could secure from its most southerly island all the agricultural products that could be obtained in tropical lands.

Million Aborigines.

Going back to the inhabitants of the island, the speaker said that out of a total of some three-and-a-half to four million people, he had been told that there were approximately a million of the aboriginal stock, although he was not very certain of the latter figure.

Due to its position being so close to the equator, tropical products were raised very successfully in the island. First of all there was coffee, and some of the coffee raised in the island was very good. A number of Chinese people had laid out coffee plantations and although a lot had been done in this direction, he felt that this could be further developed. Pineapple was raised in very large quantities and they also had a very large cannery in the island. Then there was jute, and so successful had this been that some of the plants grew up to a height of some nine-and-a-half to ten feet. The jute fibre was very good and another thing that grew well on the island was sugar.

Although coconuts was grown to a large extent in Hainan, continued the speaker, there was much room for development in the copra industry. There was a very large field for this particular line and he hoped to see, within the next few years, much improvement.

Plenty of cane was found in the jungles in the interior and that was why there was such a large rattan trade in Hainan. As most of the people present knew, a lot of rattan goods imported into the Colony were from Hainan. There were also many species of tropical fruits, and as far as wood was concerned there was plenty of hardwood such as rosewood and mahogany.

The Hainanese, according to Dr. Bercovitz, are a very progressive race and a number of those who have visited Singapore and the Malay States have returned to lay

out rubber plantations in the island. These are doing very well and he was told on good authority that the quality of the rubber grown was very good. As for minerals, there was some limestone and marble while the rearing of pigs and cows, especially the former, was one of the leading industries. Several thousand heads of pigs were imported into Hong Kong from Hainan every year but as time went on, he was sure that this particular line of business would grow even bigger. Speaking as a layman, however, the speaker said that, from his personal observations, the chief development of the island lay in its agricultural products. The population of the island totalled some 4,000,000 people, but so large were her resources that he was told the products of the island could support ten million people if properly developed.

Road Development.

Since his arrival in the island in 1915, there had been little or no development as far as the harbour was concerned and this was indeed very regrettable. There has been some strides made in the agricultural side but the greatest improvement had been in the roads. The speaker said that he remembered having had to make a journey of some ninety miles in his early days on the island. He was given a small Hainan pony and was told it would take four days to make the trip. The pony was very small but if he had not used it, he would have had to walk and he was not going to walk ninety miles! After the first day he felt very tired as he had not been used to riding and he felt sure the pony must have also felt just as exhausted. The ladies with whom he travelled used chairs and when one of the coolies slipped, some damage was done. The next day his pony slipped and considerable damage was done (laughter).

Reverting to the question of road development, Dr. Bercovitz said that there was now a regular network of roads in Hainan and the journey which took him four days to cover in 1915 could be done in four hours in a motor car to-day. There were about six hundred motor cars on the island and in addition there were the regular bus services. This road development had had a very good effect in that people could now be taken to the hospitals within a very short time. In the old days this had to be carried in chairs and that meant very strenuous travelling. That had the effect of making sick people dread the journey to the hospital, but with all the improvements now, there had been a lot of progress made in this direction, and not only were people more willing to go to the hospitals for treatment, but they were also coming in in the earlier stages of their illnesses, and thus giving themselves a bigger chance of being cured. That brought him to the maternity cases, and the speaker said that during the past four years there had been so many cases when Chinese mothers went to the hospital for treatment during that very important stage that he felt sure that in Hainan there were more cases of this nature (of Chinese mothers going to the hospitals of the own race will) than anywhere else in China.

Tuberculosis Menace.

From a medical point of view, the great problem the authorities were faced with at present was the tuberculosis menace. There was quite a number of cases of this nature but he was glad to say that with all the precautions taken, there had been a

"SQUEEZE"

CAMPAIGN.

SYSTEMATIC BRIBERY OF HAWKERS ALLEGED.

DETECTIVES FACE SERIOUS CHARGES.

That they had been parties to a form of organised "squeeze" was the allegation made against three Chinese detectives and two hawkers at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, the Public Prosecutor.

The defendants were Chow Pang and Wong Tak, licensed hawkers, and Li Lam, Mak Yu and Wan Pui, Chinese detectives attached to the hawkers' squad at Yau-mai. All five men were charged with conspiracy, the three detectives facing an additional charge of misconducting themselves as police officers.

Mr. J. A. Fraser was the Magistrate, while Mr. F. X. D'Almada appeared on behalf of the accused detectives. The first defendant was represented by Mr. Horace Lo, the second defendant being without legal assistance.

Detectives Bribed.

The case was outlined by Mr. Fitzroy, who said that the two hawkers had collected money from various other hawkers in the district, the money being paid to the detectives as bribes to ensure immunity from police prosecution. Detective Sub-Inspector Elston said in evidence that on December 20, acting upon information received, he raided a house at 241, Temple Street, where certain books and documents were seized.

Chinese Detective-Inspector Chu Heung testified to accompanying Inspector Elston on the raid, and said that when they first entered the house there were seven people present. After the house had been raided people continued to enter until there were altogether 25, all of whom were taken to the police station and questioned.

Untimely Appointment.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada then asked for an adjournment, as he had an appointment to keep. Upon Mr. Somerset Fitzroy offering no objection, His Worship acquiesced, but remarked that it was the custom of the Court to sit until four-thirty, and he hoped that on future occasions Mr. D'Almada would refrain from making appointments before that hour when he was engaged at that Court. The case was adjourned until January 18.

An application by Mr. D'Almada for reduction of bail on behalf of his client was refused by Mr. Fraser, who said that he could not reduce bail below the sum already set, \$1,000.

definite falling off in cases of malaria (which was very prevalent in his early days in Hainan), cholera, plague, etc. He wanted to assure all present, however, that, provided all the necessary reasonable precautions had been taken, Hainan was just as safe a place to live in as any other part of China.

Dr. Bercovitz made reference to the Hainan Hospital which was built by the Chinese people and of which Mr. Chau Yuc-tung was such a generous supporter. The speaker concluded his talk by saying that the development of Hainan was going on apace; new schools were being put up and everything that could be done was being looked into. He invited those present to pay a visit to the island one of these days so that they could see for themselves that the Island of Hainan was all that he said it was—a very interesting island and very fascinating.

SPEAKER THANKED.

In thanking the speaker for his very interesting talk, Rotarian Herklots said he had not yet had an opportunity of visiting the island but he had been told it was a very interesting place and after listening to Dr. Bercovitz he felt more convinced than ever that he would have to go there at an early opportunity. The talk was all the more interesting in that it followed so closely on the address delivered by Rotarian J. D. Bush the previous week on Agriculture in the New Territories. It was interesting to hear Dr. Bercovitz mention an example of the red soil of Hainan, as the same soil was also found in the New Territories—a soil so poor as to make agriculture in the New Territories very difficult. Yet they had just been told that the products of the island were very fruitful. Hainan was a particularly interesting place because it was one home of the Black Gibbon, one of the anthropoid apes, which was, perhaps, not present in other parts of China. Then there were the wonderful birds, orchids and plants, of which he had heard so much.

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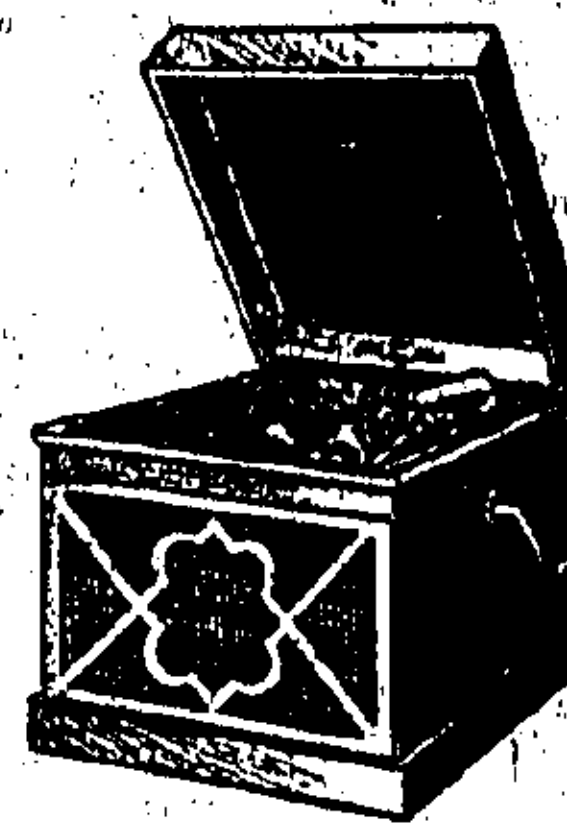
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FANLING HUNT AND RACE

REMINDER.

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THE usual annual Dinner will be held at the Hong Kong Club on Thursday, 21st January, at 8.00 p.m. Will all Old Bedfordians who have not already done so please communicate with the undersigned.

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C. B. BROWN,

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DEATHS.

COHEN.—On January 4, at Shanghai, in her 78th year, Mrs. EMILY COHEN, dearly beloved mother of Mr. Wm. Cohen.

WINTERBOTHAM.—On December 28, Miss KATE B. WINTERBOTHAM of the London Mission, Tientsin, aged 87 years.

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TUBERCULOSIS MENACE IN HONG KONG.

Dr. BERCOVITZ in the course of his interesting address on Hainan Island remarked that tuberculosis was on the increase among the natives of that island. This was also true, Dr. BERCOVITZ said, in the Philippines. It is, in fact, undeniable that where Europeans come in contact with tropical and less advanced peoples they bring with them the scourge of tuberculosis. This has been the experience in Africa, North America and the Pacific Islands. The disease is both infectious and hereditary, and spreads rapidly where overcrowding and insanitary conditions prevail.

In England the menace arose as a result of intensive industrialism, but about thirty years ago a great campaign was started against the "white plague," and, thanks to notification, to the provision of sanatoria treatment for all patients, and a general improvement in conditions generally, the great menace of this disease has been overcome.

In China consumption is a national problem. But China has many national problems and this must take its due place on the waiting list, while matters of political principle are slowly settled. In Hong Kong we get our share of this problem. In 1930 there were just short of 1,904 recorded deaths from tuberculosis, out of a total of 17,300, or 12.5 per cent. These figures are not at first sight very alarming but it must be remembered that tuberculosis is a young person's complaint and nearly all the lives lost represent pathetic and premature death.

In opening the new tuberculosis wards at the Kwong Wah Hospital, H.E. THE GOVERNOR spoke of the difficulty of getting patients to come into hospital while there was still a chance to help them. Though treatment is handicapped in hot and humid countries, consumption is a disease that yields to treatment in its earlier stages. One wishes that tuberculosis colonies, which need not be of an elaborate and expensive nature, could be erected either on the slopes of our Kowloon hills or on Lantau Island. Rest, out-of-door life and proper diet are the chief needs for most sufferers.

But, unfortunately, native beliefs and customs would at present militate against such a scheme. A hospital is quite terrifying enough to most Chinese people, and an inaccessible hospital which the patient's friends and relatives could not easily visit would not be likely to attract many sick persons. The best mode of attack is, in fact, again to quote Sir WILLIAM PERK, to inculcate "some better principles among the people with a view to preventing the spread of the disease." A timely reference was also made to the need for tackling the spitting habit.

"Spitting may or may not be checked in Hong Kong during the next thirty years. At present we have to recognise that our streets are foul with sputum. In writing on this subject Dr. MINNERT, the former Government bacteriologist, emphasised both the prevalence of tuberculosis germs in sputum and the vitality of these germs. Ice House Street is the dirtiest street in the Central District, and it looks as if it were many a long day since it was washed. If we cannot keep our streets clean owing the spitting habit at least the water carts could parade frequently and wash objectionable matter down the gutters. If fresh water is still too precious why not draw supplies from the harbour? Salt water has excellent sterilising properties. The water in the harbour is not too clean, but a gauze filter would skim the worst of the mess. Ice House Street is our front door and a pretty bad impression must be given to newcomers and visitors stepping off the Star Ferry for the first time. Perhaps Economy is the cause of the paying off of our water carts, but whatever the reason, the responsible authority would be doing good service both to the health and appearance of the Colony if sufficient water were every day spilled down our streets to give them a cleaner appearance than at present.

THE SPORTIVE TIGER.

Fourteen performing tigers arrived at the Limehouse Docks, London, recently from Hamburg, and behaved with the customary decorum of animals specially selected to amuse young Londoners at their Christmas Circus. A sea voyage always puts a damper on the spirits of the most sportive beast, but the same cannot be said, apparently, of a journey by air. Shango, the "wrestling" tiger, who was conveyed to London from Paris by air, felt so exhilarated during his first flight that he challenged his trainer to a sort of rehearsal match when over the English Channel. The cage that had been specially prepared for Shango's comfort was not at all to his liking, and if his trainer had not humoured him by agreeing to sit in it with him for the remainder of the journey, one dreads to think how the flight might have ended. A playful and intelligent animal like this would have been quite capable of insisting on taking a turn at the controls, in which event the astonished inhabitants of Kent would have been constrained to bring Blake up to date.

Tiger, tiger, burning bright, On the Ostend-Croydon flight, What immortal hand or eye, Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

Tale of the Day.

"If they'd just set some of those Bridge rules to rhyme! Now, I have no trouble at all remembering Thirty days hath November, April, June and December!"

Symbolic.

The lion of the Vincennes Zoo, whose tail was seriously injured in a fight with its cage-mate, has had the member amputated. All attempts to save the tail by operating failed owing to blood-poisoning, and it had to be removed altogether. The result is that when the poor beast wants to wag his tail with rage it only succeeds in wagging an ignominious stump.

There is talk, it is understood, of presenting the creature as a mascot to certain British politicians, who feel that the British Lion should be similarly treated.

Golf for Prisoners.

America has an Auburn village of its own. It is, however, neither sweet nor deserted. It is the headquarters of New York state's prison for women.

To-day it, too, has acquired a fame almost equal to Goldsmith's immortal hamlet. For, in order to comply with the moral urge which is the chief feature of American prison reform, the authorities have constructed a golf course for the use of the women prisoners.

What once was a dump for sardines, this has now become a verdant fairway, from which one day may emerge an American rival to Miss Wethered.

Royal Justice in the East.

The protracted negotiations between Yemen and the Hedjaz over the ownership of the Aro mountains on the Yemen-Hedjaz frontier had broken down and there was a possibility of war when the Imam of Yemen took the remarkable line of telegraphing to Ibn Saud, the Wahabi King of Nud and the Hedjaz, inviting him personally to act as sole arbiter in the dispute and agreeing in advance to abide by his decision.

Ibn Saud, touched by this generous offer, immediately informed the Imam that he had decided the affair against himself and abandoned his claim to the Aro mountain territory.

Miner-Poachers' Motor-cars.

When several batches of miners from Lancashire were convicted of salmon poaching at Peebles it was stated that motor-cars had been used in the expeditions.

Sheriff Mitchell commented on "this growing system," and wondered if it were competent to confiscate the cars just as poachers' tackle was confiscated on conviction.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The Hong Kong dollar was quoted yesterday at 1s. 5-3/16d. which was an advance of 1/8d. over the previous day's quotation.

During last week there were 13 cases (one fatal) of diphtheria, one of small-pox, one of cerebro-spinal fever and 56 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 29, 1931, amounted to 117,694 metric tons, and the sales during the period to 106,718 metric tons.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. William Sweet Smith, engineer on the s.s. Kiangsu, to Miss Isabella Jolly Gill, who is on her way to Hong Kong on board the s.s. Carthage.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. E. H. Williams at Central Magistracy yesterday with stealing a gold-mounted teakettle from a child which was being carried by its mother, he was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

While attempting to cross the road near the Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, on Monday evening, a Chinese woman was knocked down by a lorry which, it is alleged, continued on its journey without stopping to render assistance after the mishap. The police are investigating the case.

According to a report made to the police by a woman travelling trader who stayed in a Chinese hotel, a youth, who made her acquaintance during her short stay in the Colony, visited her room in the Yip Sang Shan Hotel while she was away and took away with him a quantity of jade ornaments to the value of \$163.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G. will perform the ceremony of cutting the first sod in connection with the Kowloon Garden City Scheme of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company Limited, on January 20 at 4 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the junction of Argyle Street and Waterloo Road.

He considered that a motor-car used for the purpose of carrying off salmon, illegally taken, was just as liable to be forfeited as a sack used in similar circumstances, he added.

Giant Cunard's Propellers.

The news of the stoppage of work on the Cunarders has revealed the fact that eight and not two, as had been stated—giant propellers were being cast for her in London.

Four of the propellers are being made by Messrs. J. Stone and Co., Deptford, and four by the Manganese Bronze and Brass Company at Charlton.

Oil Gusher in Morocco.

It is officially announced that an oil well which has produced nearly 330 gallons a day has been found east of Petitjean in the Meknes district of French Morocco. This is good news for French North Africa, as the lack of fuel is one of its major problems, and unless remedied must continue to make the country tributary to Europe and America for one of the chief necessities of modern life. There is but little coal being mined at present, and that chiefly at Kenndza for the use of the state railways. As there are no navigable rivers, the provision of hydro-electric power presents difficulties. However, a hydro-electric station at the Fédou barrage near Orleanville in Algeria is now in course of construction.

A New Kind of Rubber.

A novel kind of rubber, possessing many remarkable qualities, has been invented by Prof. Dr. H. Beckmann, of the Technical University in Hanover. Its characteristic feature is its porousness. It has about 500,000 pores to a square centimeter, each pore having a diameter of four ten-thousandths of a millimeter. The new kind of rubber is produced from rubber milk, which is curdled and then vulcanized. Its colour is light yellow. Owing to its porousness, it can suck up water to 50 per cent of its own volume. This has many uses. It is used in the manufacture of this new material will instantaneously dry one's feet by sucking away all moisture. When pressed into solid sheets it can be used for wall paneling, as it will not warp in damp weather and does not crack in the heat.

Hoarding Coins in Bottles.

Once more complaints are being made in France of the death of small coins, and especially of 50-centime pieces (at the present rate of exchange worth a trifle more than a penny farthing). A protest

to the Minister of Finance by the Paris Chamber of Commerce has resulted in an order being given to supply public cashiers and leading commercial establishments with small change.

According to the Director of the Mint 5,000,000 of the new aluminium-bronze 50-centime pieces have been issued. This means seven or eight to every French family, without taking into account the numerous "Chamber" of Commerce coins still in circulation. Coins of this denomination tend to accumulate, however, in the boxes attached to public telephones and in stamp machines.

Pretty Gold Pieces.

It is pointed out, moreover, that thousands of French people who are no longer able to hoard gold love to drop the shining gold-boloured pieces into glass bottles. A large bottle represents a good deal of money when filled.

During the year 45,000,000 nickel-bronze 10-centime pieces, 20,000,000 nickel 5-centime pieces, and 25,000,000 nickel 25-centime pieces have been issued.

International Harmony.

Pessimists who believe that civilization is not yet ripe for international harmony should derive a real thrill from the announcement that twelve countries have reached unanimity and signed an agreement on the vexed and vital question of the marking of eggs.

As a result of internationalism, the import and export of eggs will be readily distinguishable. The signatories are Germany, Belgium, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Switzerland, Holland, Finland, Estonia and Uruguay. Unfortunately, most people do not need a kind of egg League of Nations to help them to detect an egg that is not new laid.

Making a Job of It!

The pleasant strip of turf in Statue Square to the west of the Law Courts is evidently regarded as the most precious open space in the Colony. For about a week now a dozen coolies, in charge of a foreman, have been going over the grass, examining it blade by blade, pruning it, extracting extraneous matter and putting the refuse into baskets. The golden locks of a Hollywood beauty are not examined by her coiffeuse with more care and thoroughness than these brown stalks. A quarter of an hour's watching yesterday afternoon saw the twelve coolies still squatting in the same place, hard at work! Who will say that British thoroughness and Chinese patience have been extinguished by modernism and the need for economy?

from the files.

Looking Back 25 Years.

A Scotch concert to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns will be held in St. George's Hall on Friday January 25, when the following ladies and gentlemen will assist: Madames G. H. Edwards, A. G. Gordon and David Wood, Messrs. G. Balloch, E. H. Baxter, L. Broughal, J. G. Gow, J. P. Fok (vicar), J. C. Sutherland (Humberston Rectory), George Gimble (Piano Accompanist). By kind permission of Lieut-Col. W. Scott-Moncrieff and Officers, the band of the 3rd Battalion, the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment), will play Scotch selections.

The private dining room of the Peak Hotel was gaily decorated on Saturday night with cut flowers and Chinese bunting. The Manager, Mr. Moir, by instructions from Mr. A. Findlay Smith, had thus taken note of the 50th Anniversary of the birth of a distinguished guest, the Hon. Stephen W. Nickerson, Consul-General in China at Boston, U.S.A. A number of special guests were invited to dinner.—Hong Kong Daily Press, January 13, 1907.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The alarm of fire has rung out so frequently of late as to give rise to serious reflections on the origin of these occurrences. Property owners and British and foreign residents and the better class of Chinese live in continual apprehension in the dry season lest a fire should suddenly break out on a windy day and defy the efforts of the fire brigade. They still bear in mind the recollection of the terrible calamity of Christmas, 1875, when the potent element, bursting all bounds, ran riot as it listed, only stopping for want of material. The position of affairs as regards the preventing and extinguishing of fires has changed very little for the better since that memorable day. The Brigade may be somewhat more efficient possibly, and the supply of water is unaltered, and to counterbalance the improvement the houses in the Central district are now much higher and closer together, giving more opportunity for the flames to spread.—Hong Kong Daily Press, January 13, 1892.

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TAKOO SPORTSMAN MARRIED.

MR. STEWART HOPE AND MISS SHANLEY.

The marriage took place at St. Joseph's Church yesterday afternoon of Miss Evelyn Constance Shanley, daughter of the late Dr. Michael Shanley, of Athlone, Ireland, and of Mrs. Shanley, of London, and of Mr. Robert Hope, of Greenock. The Rev. Father Rignati, assisted by Rev. Father Cooney, S.J., officiated. As the bridegroom is connected with the Takoo Dockyard, and is very popular there, besides being a prominent lawn bowls player, his colleagues turned out in large numbers to honour him at the ceremony and reception.

Dr. I. Newton gave the bride away. She was faintly attired in a dress of blue lace with blue chiffon velvet coat, to match, and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses.

Miss A. Williams, the bridesmaid, wore a dress of beige satin with nigger velvet coat, and that to match, while her bouquet was of pink gladioli. A matron of honour, Miss E. A. Gilling was dressed in black morocaine, with black velvet and gold brocade coat, and hat to match.

The duties of "best man" were carried out by Mr. W. Brown. A reception was held in the Sisters' Quarters of the Government Civil Hospital where the customary toasts were proposed and honoured. Mrs. Hope's travelling costume was a green and white ensemble. The honeymoon will be spent in Macao.

The bridal dress and that of the matron of honour were made by Rolande Szarunt, while the bridesmaid's dress was by Madame D'Oby.

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FRANCE FORMING
NATIONAL GOVT.DESIRABLE OWING TO
IMPORTANT CONFERENCESLaval and Briand in
Perfect Agreement

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

PARIS, Jan. 12.

All Cabinet Ministers have placed their portfolios at the disposal of M. Laval in order to give the Premier a free hand to negotiate with Party leaders with a view to the formation of a Government of national union, which it has unanimously been decided is desirable on the eve of so many international conferences, if it could be formed.

It should be observed this is not the same as resignation.

Before the Cabinet meeting M. Laval interviewed, successively, M. Briand and M. Doumer.

M. Laval said that he and M. Briand were in perfect agreement on every question.

GIFT TO LEAGUE OF
NATIONS

[Reuter's Special Service.]

GENEVA, Jan. 11.

The first concrete step towards the Disarmament Conference was made to-day when a beautiful new building, adjoining the League secretariat, and erected specially to accommodate the Conference committees was opened by the President of the Geneva State Council.

The Geneva State Council presented the building to the League and M. Avonol, formerly accepting the gift, expressed thanks, saying: "This conference will assume in character a solemn gravity which the authorities and the people of Geneva cannot escape. Therefore I ask the authorities and the people to contribute their warmest and most active sympathy."

PLUCKY CLYDEBANK
POSTMASTERDISARMS GUNMAN IN
DESPERATE FIGHTAnd Saves Office From
Being Robbed

[Reuter's Special Service.]

LONDON, Jan. 12.

In Clydebank to-day a postmaster was alone in his office when suddenly he found himself covered by a revolver and a man demanding money.

The postmaster refused to put his "hands up" and fearlessly tackled the gunman, knocking the revolver to the floor. During a fierce fight which followed, the gunman seized weights from the counter weighing machine and beat the postmaster severely over the head, but he refused to let go. Finally the gunman tore himself loose as other customers entered, but the postmaster set up in hot pursuit, unfortunately in vain.

The police hold the gunman's cap and revolver and hope to arrest him shortly.

CROWN PRINCE OF
ETHIOPIAARRIVAL IN LONDON
YESTERDAY

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 12.

The Crown Prince of Ethiopia arrives in London to-day on a mission from the Emperor of Ethiopia. He will be met by the Duke of Gloucester on behalf of H.M. the King, and on Thursday will be entertained at a Government banquet.

The Prince's visit is the occasion of comment in the *Times* and other newspapers on the long tradition of cordial friendship between Abyssinia and Great Britain, and the sympathetic interest with which Britain observes the programme of reforms upon which the present ruler is engaged.

GERMAN FINANCIAL
CRISIS FEAREDFRANCE REFUSES TO
RENEW CREDITSRegarded a "Warning
to Germany"

[REUTERS AND BRITISH WIRELESS.]

BASLE, Jan. 11.

At the instance of M. Moret, the Governor of the Bank of France, the Council of the Bank of International Settlements, sitting to discuss Germany's credits to-day, unanimously refused to renew unconditionally the credit of \$35,000,000 to the Reichsbank which expires on February 4.

Dr. Luther, the President of the Reichsbank, protested against the refusal, declaring his fear that it would adversely affect German currency.

He was, however, informed that the responsibility lay with the German Government, to which the refusal must be regarded as a warning.

French Stranglehold.

A French stranglehold on Germany's finances appears to be threatened by the subsequent decision of the Bank of International Settlements, renewing the credit of \$35,000,000 for a period of three months conditionally upon the Bank of England, the Bank of France and the United States Federal Reserve Bank renewing their credits of an equal amount to Germany.

This decision was adopted after the insistence of the French representative, M. Moret, and it involves the possibility of a crisis in German finances as M. Moret intimated that the Bank of France was not disposed to renew the credit for more than a month.

If this is the final French decision, the extension of the credit of the whole amount of \$100,000,000 can be only for a period of one month.

The Bank of International Settlements also renewed its portion of the credit of Austria and Hungary on the same terms and the credit of \$35,000,000.

France Claims Down.

Paris, Jan. 11.

M. Laval, the Prime Minister, to-day received the German Ambassador.

The nature of the conversation has not been revealed, but it is assumed that the Ambassador gave M. Laval a further explanation of Dr. Brüning's reparations statement, calculated to calm French apprehensions.

It is further felt in Paris that Mr. Ramsey MacDonald's well-timed statement is bound to impress the French Government and it now appears certain that France will attend the Lausanne Conference, which became a matter of doubt as a result of the first reactions to the declaration.

German Stocks Decline.

In City circles in London to-day, Dr. Brüning's statement regarding Germany's inability to pay reparations was received calmly, some such step having apparently been anticipated.

At the opening of the Stock Exchange, German loans experienced a setback, but a sharp recovery occurred towards the close. German Seven Per Cents again reached 89 and the Five and a Half Per Cents 52.

The leading British funds finished the day, one-eighth to a half higher.

GERMANY'S
PRESIDENTMUST BE ELECTED BY THE
PEOPLEHindenburg's Resigna-
tion Demanded

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Jan. 11.

Herr Hitler, the leader of the Fascists, and Herr Hugenberg, his ally, the leader of the Nationalist Party, have decided not to support the prolongation of President Hindenburg's term of office by action of the Reichstag as was proposed at a meeting of Herr Hitler and the President a few days ago.

It is believed that the Government's chief rivals are each addressing a letter to Dr. Brüning, the Chancellor, declaring that while they desire to see President Hindenburg remain in office, this should be done by the vote of the people and not by the "unconstitutional means" suggested by the Government.

Although, however, the Nationalist group will refuse to participate in action by the Reichstag for the extension of the President's term of office, it is understood that they would support him if he again stood for election.

In this case, President Hindenburg would be assured of an overwhelming majority.

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REPARATIONS
CONFERENCEFRANCE CANNOT AGREE TO
DATE OF OPENING"White Civilisation at
Stake"

[Reuter's Special Service.]

LONDON, Jan. 12.

It is officially stated that the French Government have indicated they cannot bind themselves to Jan. 25 as the opening date of the Lausanne Conference. This being solely because the reconstruction of the French Cabinet may necessitate a request for a little delay.

A Suggestion by Mussolini?

MILAN, Jan. 12.

The immediate wiping out of Reparations and War debts is demanded in an article in *Popolo d'Italia*, which is attributed to Mussolini. It says that the Lausanne Conference should end in wiping the slate by the cancellation of the tragic War balance-sheet, as white civilisation will soon be imperilled unless trade is restarted.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES
FAIRGREATEST NUMBER OF
EXHIBITS EVER KNOWN

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 11.

Despite the world trade depression, the British Industries Fair, which opens in London and Birmingham on February 22, will be the largest ever known.

The number of exhibits will be greater than at any of the 17 previous fairs, and the stand frontage will measure sixteen miles on a floor space of thirty acres.

At the week-end, ten thousand copies of the show catalogue were sent to prospective buyers abroad, and the volume forms a useful guide to the remarkable range of manufactures which will be displayed.

U.S. INDUSTRIAL RELIEF

SENATE APPROVES NEW
CORPORATION

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.

The Senate has approved the creation of the \$32,000,000 Finance Corporation which is intended by President Hoover to afford Government credit for industrial relief.

BRITAIN'S WHEAT
QUOTA SCHEMEGOVT.'S PROPOSALS
MODIFIED

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 11.

It is understood that in their modified form, the Government proposals for the establishment of the wheat quota system will be acceptable to the various interests concerned.

Sir John Gilmour, the Minister of Agriculture, will meet representatives of the farmers, millers, merchants and flour importers to discuss the matter to-morrow.

Such alterations as have been made in the original proposals do not affect the Government's basic principle of a guaranteed market for millable wheat at an enhanced price.

If an agreement is reached as the outcome of to-morrow's conference, the Government will probably introduce a Bill soon after Parliament re-assembles on February 2.

IRISH-BRITISH TRADE

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 11.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, will meet Irish Ministers in London this week to discuss methods of improving trade between the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State.

which a majority.

The date of the presidential election which seems inevitable has not been definitely fixed, but it will take place some time during May.

Nationalist Attitude.

BERLIN, Jan. 12.

Herr Hugenberg, the Nationalist leader, in a letter to Dr. Brüning points out that acceptance of the Government's proposal for the prolongation of President Von Hindenburg's term of office would be a "manifestation of confidence in the policy which we are combating, especially the foreign policy of the present Government," but by the resignation of whom the political position of Germany might be strengthened.

FUTURE GOVT. OF
BURMAPREMIER EXPLAINS
BRITAIN'S POLICYBicameral Legislature
Suggested

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 12.

THE Government's policy in regard to the future constitutional status of Burma was announced by the Premier at the closing meeting of the Burma Round Table Conference, which was held at St. James' Palace.

He said that the Government is prepared, if and when satisfied that Burma's desired a Government separate from India, to take steps, subject to approval by Parliament, and entrust the responsible Government of Burma to a bicameral legislature representative of the people of Burma with certain qualifications. The legislature would be partly elected and partly nominated by the Governor, with adequate representation of the communities and special interests.

The Premier, when referring to the situation in India emphasised that the Government will never abrogate its duty to govern.

SITUATION IN
INDIAGOVT. GUARANTEES
PROTECTION

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 11.

While the arrest of Congress agitators is still proceeding, Mrs. Gandhi being among the latest batch, the news from India indicates that the situation remains generally calm, and without notable incident.

Sir Frederick Sykes, the Governor of Bombay, addressing a conference of leading Indian and European business men to-day, emphasised that the Government did not intend to follow the example of Congress and the endeavour, by coercive measures, to compel trade to flow in any particular channel.

The Ordinances, he said, were designed to protect trade from being hampered.

The Government insisted on freedom for everyone to trade how and where they liked, and would extend the fullest protection against molestation.

The Governor declared that the Indian Government adhered to the terms of Mr. MacDonald's statement at the close of the Round Table Conference, and asked for the co-operation of the sober elements in the community with the Government, which was striving to prevent a bad legacy being left for the future.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.37 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone is central to the north of Hankow and near stationary. The depression is central N.W. of Hokkaido, moving E.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

Pickets Discouraged by Rain.

A Peshawar message states that three days of continuous rain has discouraged the picketers and dispersed the remaining Red-shirts.

The hostile leader of the Fakir of Alingar has dispersed, having received no encouragement from the loyal Mohammedan Malik, while the attitude of the people in Khattak is now reported to be excellent.

Absence of Kathiawari.

RUGBY, Jan. 12.

Reports from all parts of India indicate the absence of any enthusiasm for Congress manifestations, such as marked the inauguration of the previous civil disobedience campaign. Yesterday's celebration of "Independence day" was quite unsuccessful and few demonstrations took place.

Rumours circulated yesterday that Gandhi was to be released on parole were officially denied to-day. It was emphasised that the Indian Government has no intention of releasing Gandhi without an understanding from him not to support any disobedience movement.

British members of the Round Table Committee, the work of which the Indian Government is anxious to facilitate, will leave London on Thursday.

HONOLULU
OUTRAGEAMERICANS CHARGED WITH
MURDERSequel to Raping of
American Woman

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HONOLULU, Jan. 12.

The United States Senate's order for an enquiry into the conditions at Hawaii has slightly calmed the tension arising from racial feeling due to the murder of a native with which a New York society woman, Mrs. Porteus, her son-in-law, Naval Lieut. Massie, and another are charged.

Unless the trial is removed to San Francisco, Mrs. Porteus and Lieut. Massie will be tried in the same room where five natives, of which the murdered native was alleged to be the leader, were acquitted a few weeks ago of a charge of raping Mrs. Massie, aged nineteen.

The jury which acquitted them was composed of men of Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Polynesian strain.

Bribery and corruption are alleged to be rife.

THE LATE SILAS
HARDOON'S ESTATEINJUNCTION TO OUST
ADMINISTRATRIX REFUSED

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12.

Ezra Abdullah Hardoon again unsuccessfully applied to the British Supreme Court for injunction to oust Mrs. Liza Hardoon from the administration of the \$160,000,000 estate of the late Mr. Silas Hardoon, a Jewish property magnate, reputed to be the wealthiest man in the Orient after starting life as a godown caretaker of Sassoon interests.

Plaintiff claims to be a blood relative and the next of kin of the deceased magnate. He seeks a revocation of the Will and contests the probate recently granted in favour of the widow, who is Chinese. Plaintiff's Counsel contended that poor people are equally entitled to succeed to the estates of wealthy relatives, just as princes might succeed to a throne, since poverty is no disqualification.

The Judge dismissed the application.

The main action will later come up for trial.

JEWEL HAUL AT
GENERAL'S HOUSE.PROPERTY WORTH £1,500
STOLEN.

Working with remarkable quickness, cat burglars raided the residence of Major-General Sir Edward Northey, Woodcote House, Epsom, late one night and stole £1,500 worth of property.

To reach the bedroom from which the property was stolen, the raiders scaled a stackpile at the rear of the house. They climbed up 30 feet, and although they had an uncertain foothold, they forced a window and entered a bedroom.

To prevent the household from surprising them, they fastened the door on the inside.

Two Men at Work.

After ransacking the room, which was left in a state of disorder, the intruders departed by the stackpile.

Among the articles stolen were two fur coats, diamond rings, pendants, a rope of pearls and ear-rings. Marks found in the shrubbery and on the stackpile led the police to believe that two men carried out the raid.

Several people were in the house at the time and the servants were in and out of the bedroom constantly during the evening.

When the alarm was raised, the police were telephoned for and Sir Edward took an active part in the search of the house and grounds.

A mysterious car seen standing in an adjoining lane is thought to have been connected with the robbery.

Governor of Kenya.

Sir Edward Northey was Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Kenya Colony and High Commissioner for the Zanzibar Protectorate from 1918 to 1922.

He served throughout the war in France and Flanders and afterwards in German East Africa. He was wounded twice and "mentioned" five times.

Further Serious Fighting
ReportedTHOUSANDS OF BANDITS SURROUND
CHINSI CITYJAPANESE TROOPS OVERWHELMED AT
HSINMINTUN

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

TOKYO, January 12.

FURTHER serious fighting is reported near the city of Chinsi, where a Japanese detachment, consisting of the remnants of those which suffered heavily on January 10 and 11, is surrounded by several thousand bandits who are attacking the city from all sides.

Shortly before the attack fires broke out in various parts of the city and, as a consequence, the Japanese defenders are reported to be fighting desperately both the flames and bandits.

EVERY UNIT IN COMPANY KILLED OR
WOUNDED

TOKYO, Jan. 12.

Every unit of a Japanese infantry company was killed or wounded last night in a fierce engagement with an overwhelming force of Chinese, described as bandits, who attacked the power station at Pataohao, plunging Hsinmintun, Tamsui and Chinchow into darkness.

The Japanese force, according to a message from Mukden, first came into contact with the raiders at Hsinmintun, near Tabushan.

The bandits attacked fiercely and the Japanese infantry suffered severe losses.

Reinforcements were hurriedly despatched from Mukden, but before their arrival, the defenders had been completely cut up and dispersed, and the bandits had attacked and destroyed the power station at Pataohao.

The Japanese casualties are stated to have been four officers and thirty men killed, and the rest of the company wounded.

FIGHT AGAINST OVER-
WHELMING ODDS

The Japanese fought desperately against the overwhelming force of the raiders, believed to number 5,000.

A Japanese armoured train which went to the assistance of the desperately fighting remnants of the company was derailed and overturned near Hsinmintun, where a section of the railway line had been destroyed by the bandits.

It is now learned that ten of the men of the original company at Hsinmintun extricated themselves from the encounter unscathed and took up defensive positions at Pataohao power station.

POWER STATION
BLOWN-UP

When the remainder of the company had been overwhelmed, they found themselves facing the full force of the raiders, but held to their posts determinedly and were still fighting until the Chinese force got inside the power station and blew it up.

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NO AGREEMENT

CHINESE STATESMEN
CONFER IN HONG KONG

(Wah Tse Yat Pau.)

CANTON, Jan. 12.

Nothing definite was achieved at yesterday's conference attended by Dr. C. O. Wu, General Chang Wai Cheung, Admiral Chen Chek and Mr. Hu Han Min at the latter's residence at Stanley. Though the point as to the legality of the so-called three executive committees for military, political and party affairs in the South has been compromised to a certain extent and might be completely settled after further exchange of view between Nanking and Canton, the stumbling block is the possible return of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, in which case Mr. Hu Han Min will certainly refuse to proceed to Nanking, in spite of the Nanking delegates' strong appeal last night.

Mr. Hu was not persuaded to take office in the Nanking Government.

Another conference was arranged to be held on Tuesday evening at Mr. Hu's residence, in which three delegates from Canton including Mr. Lin Yeh Chung (General Chen Tsui Tong's right-hand man) were to participate. This conference was rendered more important by the participation of these Canton delegates and its results were anxiously awaited.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Jan. 12.

A number of officials of the Canton Government, including Mr. Fung Cho Man, Commissioner of Finance; General Chang Wai Cheung, Commander of the Air Defence of the Canton Government; and Mr. Wong Kwang Yui, returned this morning to Canton from Nanking where they attended

the First Plenary Meeting of the C.E.O. members of the Kuomintang. The other members of the party, including Dr. C. C. Wu, Admiral Chen Chek, and General Wong Shiu Hung, have decided to remain in Hong Kong for several days in order to confer with Mr. Hu Han Min on matters of national importance.

It is believed that these ten survivors of the original engagement were blown up with the power station. Their fate is unknown.

A few of the reinforcements sent from Mukden eventually got through to the battle zone and with some of the original company, who had been only slightly wounded, succeeded in driving off the bandits, who however, carried out their programme.

The officer in command of the troops remaining at Pataohao has informed battalion headquarters at Tabushan that they are now holding Hsinmintun.

MANCHURIA COMMISSION

PARIS, Jan. 11.

The Japanese and Chinese Governments have now approved the names of the members of the League Commission of Enquiry in Manchuria.

It now only remains to obtain the approval of the League's Members for the Commission to be formally constituted and to leave for the Far East.

The members are:—
Lord Lytton (Britain),
General Claidel (France),
General McCoy (United States),
Dr. Schae (Germany),
Count Aldobrandino (Italy).

JAPAN'S REPLY TO
AMERICA

TOKYO, Jan. 12.

The Japanese reply to the American Note, which it is indicated will be "reassuring in tone," is expected to be despatched on Jan. 15, after the arrival of Mr. Yoshizawa, who is due at Tokyo on Jan. 14 and will be installed as Foreign Minister on the same day.

CHINA'S REPLY

NANKING, Jan. 12.

China's reply to the American Note was delivered to the U.S. Consul-General for transmission to Washington at 5 p.m.

RUSSIAN ANXIETY

TOKYO, Jan. 12.

The Soviet Ambassador visited Mr. Inukai this morning when he expressed anxiety regarding reports of a possible conflict in North Manchuria between Ting Chow, the commander of the Chinese Railway Guards at Harbin, and Hsi Hsia, Governor of Kirin Province.

Apparently believing that Japan is able to control the actions of these two Chinese paladins, Mr. Trotsky is understood to have expressed the hope that, as a conflict is liable to jeopardise Soviet interests, Japan will do her best to prevent it.

It is understood that questions of the lumber trade, fisheries and long-term credits were also discussed.

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"Liang Kwang" Customs.

CANTON, Jan. 12.

Mr. Fung Cho Man, director of the Canton Treasury, returned to Canton from Nanking to-day. His mission to Nanking was mainly concerned with the matter of the "Liang Kwang" portion of Customs surplus which the Canton Government insists on retaining for the purpose of paying old debts and other obligations borne by the two provinces. However, despite Mr. Fung's detailed explanation of Canton's case the Nanking Finance Ministry refused to accept the Canton proposals.

As the matter stands now, the Inspector of the Canton Customs House is continuing to remit all Customs surplus to Nanking in accordance with instructions from the Inspector-General of Chinese Customs.

Sports News

JUNIOR CRICKET NOTES.

WHO WILL WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP?

[By "L.B.W."]

Owing to the fact that there have not been very many league cricket matches in the second division for the past two or three weeks, I have not written my usual column of notes for some time, but as the Clubs are getting busy again with their league programmes, I am making my re-appearance, so to speak. It is fairly certain that the league programme will be carried out as much as possible so that one might expect at least three or four matches each week-end. Last Saturday we had no less than five games and it will be on these that I shall more or less confine my notes this week.

Recreio's Win.

The most important of the five games was the Recreio-Craigengower tie and the supporters of the Happy Valley team must have been very disappointed at the result, for after their sequence of wins earlier in the season, it was fully expected that the C.C.C. would return from their trip across the harbour with another three points to add to their total. But for some fine bowling by A. P. Galeiras and A. P. Pereira, they might have done so, for when the home team batted first they were all out for the none too safe total of 123 runs. H. M. Xavier played a second innings for 37 runs while H. A. Alves and L. J. Guterres each collected 22. The finest bat in their side, in my opinion, is A. Prata, a very promising young cricketer who learned his cricket from Jimmy Youngs at the Diocesan Boys' School. Prata plays very correct cricket and in addition to being a very stylish bat, he sends down a very decent medium ball and is a safe field to the bargain. I must confess I was not a little surprised at this way the Craigengower bats crumbled before Guterres and Pereira. The former, on his day, is about one of the best bowlers in the second division but Pereira, in my opinion, only average second division class and that is all the more reason why he was so surprising to see him run through the side with Guterres. George Winch alone made a stand against these two bowlers and but for his effort of 21, the Happy Valley side would indeed have been in a sorry plight.

Indians Drop Points.

The match between the Indians and University at Pokfulam turned out to be a draw and on the day's play the undergraduates had the better of it. Bating first, the visitors declared at 155 for 6. M. P. Madar, who is batting exceptionally well this season, getting 45 in quick time. The home team lost their first wicket in the first over but after that they put up a determined display and, thanks to a fine knock by K. P. Gan for 43, were 135 for 7 when stumps were drawn. R.E.G. Leong made 20 runs but, without meaning to give offence, I feel that if he did not make so much fuss when he is at the crease, he would make a better cricketer.

Thanks to another big score by their star, E. S. W. Smith, who also came off with the ball, Kowloon Cricket Club took full points from the Club juniors on the latter's ground. Smith is easily the best all-rounder in the Kowloon side and but for his partiality for second division cricket, I feel certain he would easily get into their first eleven.

Playing without some of their best men, South Wales Borderers beat the Police fairly comfortably at Happy Valley. The latter started off their league season in brilliant fashion, beating such strong teams as the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Indian Recreation Club. Of late, however, they seem to have struck a bad patch and it is of interest to note that for the first time for many seasons, none of their senior officers are turning out.

A. E. Wood of the Civil Service Cricket Club is in very fine batting form at the present and again last week passed the half century mark when they played a drawn game with the Royal Army Service Corps at Pokfulam. The Happy Valley team had bad luck to have to share

LOCAL RUGGER.

CLUB "A" BEATEN BY HERMES.

The match between the Club "A" and H.M.S. Cumberland, which was to have taken place last evening, was postponed owing to the fact that the latter could not field a team. The Club, therefore, took on a team from the Hermes when they were beaten by nine points (three tries) to three (one try).

The game was very scrappy, and soon after the start the aircraft carrier scored a try which, however, was not converted. Before the interval the Club went through when Humphreys scored a very good try but the kick at goal failed.

After the interval, the sailors scored two more tries without any reply from the Club, the final scores being: Hermes 9 points; Club 3 points.

HOME FOOTBALL.

AMENDED ORDER OF F.A. CUP DRAW.

A correction of the cable draw for the fourth round of the Football Association Cup, to be played on January 23, was received too late to be given effect to and in consequence there were a few errors in the order of the teams published yesterday.

The following is the correct order of the ties:—
Walsford or Fulham v. Notts County or Bristol City.
Grimsby v. Birmingham.
Port Vale v. Leicester.
Manchester City v. Brentford.
Oldham or Huddersfield v. Queens Park Rangers.
Blackpool or Newcastle v. Barnsley or Southampton.
Tottenham or Wednesday v. Bournemouth.
Bradford v. Darlington or Northampton.
Bury v. Sheffield United.
Aston v. Plymouth.
Preston or Bolton v. Wolverhampton.
Derby v. Blackburn.
Chesterfield v. Liverpool.
Tranmere or Chelsea v. West Ham.
Middlesbrough or Portsmouth v. The Villa.
Sunderland or Southampton v. Stoke.

League Results.

The following results of English League matches played on Monday were cable by Reuters:—
Division III (South): Luton 1, Capton Orient 5.
Division III (North): Halifax 1, Rotherham 1.

HOCKEY.

"INCOGNITO" TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the "Incognitos" in their tournament match with the Royal Corps of Signals to-morrow at the U.S.R.C. ground at 5.10 p.m.:—
H. Barros, E. Silva, A. Rodrigues, R. Silva-Netto, W. Reed, N. Beltrao, F. Remedios, C. Barros, E. V. Reed, R. C. Reed, F. Barros.
Reserve: J. A. de V. Soares.

The points as the soldiers were still over sixty runs in arrears with their last man in when stumps were drawn.

The League Table.

The positions of the teams in the second division are now very interesting. Kowloon head the table with ten points for four matches and they are, incidentally, the only unbeaten side in the competition. The Indians and Recreio are second with the same number of points but they have each played five games against Kowloon's four. Although Craigengower have only dropped three points in four games, I do not fancy their chances for the championship, which I think will very probably go to either Kowloon, Recreio or the Indians. The odds are slightly in favour of the first named Club, I think.

The League Table up-to-date, reads:—

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kowloon C.C.	4	2	1	0	10
Recreio	5	2	1	1	10
Indian R.C.	5	3	1	1	10
S.W.B.	0	3	0	3	9
C.C.C.	4	3	0	1	9
R.F. and Sigs	3	2	2	4	8
Police R.C.	6	2	1	3	7
K.K.C.C.	5	1	1	3	4
University	3	1	1	4	4
R.A.S.C.	4	1	1	2	4
C.S.C.C.	6	0	2	3	3

HIKING CLUB.

FINE SUPPORT AT FIRST MEETING.

Enthusiastic support was accorded the inaugural meeting of the Hong Kong Hiking Club, held at the offices of the Sunday Star on Monday.

A committee was formed comprising Major E. B. Brasier-Craigh, Chairman; Mrs. E. Riddoch, Secretary; Mr. J. L. Kent, Treasurer; Mrs. E. B. Brasier-Craigh, Mr. R. O'Shea, Mr. L. A. Dangerfield and Mr. S. Morris.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Club be called the Hong Kong Hiking Club, with the avowed objects of promoting hiking, issuing maps and routes; providing refreshments, encouraging physical culture; promoting knowledge of the beauty spots of the Colony and good fellowship among members.

The question of membership fees was discussed and it was tentatively decided to charge an entrance fee of \$3 and an annual subscription of \$10. This matter will be raised again at the next general meeting. In the meantime the Committee have been asked to consider the question of subscriptions and make a report for presentation to the general meeting which will be held on Monday, January 25, at 6 p.m. at the offices of the Sunday Star.

Elke for Next Sunday.

The Committee hope to arrange a short hike for next Sunday. A programme will then be drawn up and captions and guides appointed so that the Club may commence organized trips in the near future. The committee will also arrange talks and demonstrations on botany, physical culture and Red Cross work for the interest of members.

The question of hiking in the summer months was also discussed, and it was agreed that boating and swimming would be substituted for hiking, so that the programme of the Club would be continued throughout the year. Now that the Club has been established, it is hoped that all those interested in the objects will enrol as members so that the major objects of the Club may be achieved. Prospective members should communicate with Mrs. E. Riddoch, P.O. Box 202.

SPORTING PEER

WINS RACQUETS TITLE AT 46.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

LONDON, Jan. 11. Lord Aberdare, although 46 years of age, to-day won the British open racquets championship, defeating J. C. F. Simpson by eight-two.

FRAULEIN AUSSEM ILL.

FAMOUS TENNIS PLAYER OPERATED UPON FOR APPENDICITIS.

Hannover, Jan. 11.—Fraulein Cilly Aussem, the famous German tennis champion, who has been touring the Argentine, returned to her home here yesterday and had to be taken immediately to Munich for an operation for appendicitis.

Her case is regarded as being rather serious but the doctors report she is progressing satisfactorily.

GILBERT'S EIGHT "NO-BALLS."

NEW CONTROVERSY OVER ABORIGINALS' ACTION.

Melbourne, Dec. 19.—The bowling action of Gilbert, the Aboriginal fast bowler, was the subject of much discussion to-day, for, playing for Queensland in a Sheffield Shield match against Victoria, he was no-balled eight times by the umpire, Barlow.

This incident recalls a similar case in which Barlow was concerned two seasons ago, when he no-balled R. Halcumb, the West Australian bowler, five times in one over for alleged throwing. Gilbert, who opened the bowling, had four successive deliveries no-balled in his first over. He then changed ends, and after getting Ryder caught at the wicket with his first ball, he was again no-balled four times by Barlow. Allegations as to the legality of Gilbert's action have been made before, but specially taken slow-motion pictures showed that except for a very slight bend of the elbow, his delivery is orthodox.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not for publication, unless so desired, but as evidence of good faith.—Ed.]

RECENT SUMMONS AGAINST MR. J. J. PATERSON.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—With reference to a recent case in Court in which I was cited as the Defendant may I make the following points clear:—
I had been to some trouble to trap the guilty persons myself and had asked the police to endeavour to effect arrests.

I was unfortunately prevented by illness from being in Court but had made any reference to the Retrenchment Commission nor imputed malice to the H.S.D. or any one else.

I express my sincere regret to Mr. Sayer that any such imputation was made and I tender my apology to him that such a thing should have happened owing to my not having given the necessary instructions.

I shall be grateful if you, sir, will give this apology the fullest publicity.

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully,
J. J. PATERSON.

Hong Kong January 12.

THOSE LIGHTS AT LAMMA.

WERE THEY R.A. STAR-SHELLS?

Behind the story of a little night firing with star-shells indulged in by the Royal Artillery lies a possible explanation of the mysterious flares sighted in the vicinity of Lamma Island by Cheung Chau Police Station on Monday night. It will be recalled that on Monday night the officer-in-charge of Cheung Chau Police Station observed what appeared to be Verrey Lights in the vicinity of Lamma Island. Thinking they might be emanating from some ship in distress, he communicated with the Water Police Station, whence instructions were issued to a cruising launch to proceed to the scene of the lights.

Evidently the launch failed to discover anything untoward at Lamma, for our representative was informed at the Water Police Station yesterday evening that there was nothing to report with regard to the matter.

It has since transpired that on Monday night, the Royal Artillery were conducting experiments in range and elevation. They were firing with star-shells, and the range and elevation were such that the shells were bursting near Lamma Island.

It is believed that the firing was carried out without any previous notification, which fact gives colour to the theory that the lights sighted by the police at Cheung Chau and believed to come from a ship in distress were in reality the bursting star-shells.

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PASSENGER PLANE FOR HONG KONG.

FAIR EAST AVIATION CO.'S ENTERPRISE.

An interesting visitor and a well-known ex-resident to the Colony is at present in Hong Kong in the person of Mr. R. Vaughan Fowler, Managing Director of the Far East Aviation Company, whose headquarters have for some time been in Shanghai.

In an interview with a Daily Press representative, Mr. Vaughan Fowler disclosed the fact that a three-engined Avro machine (Type 6) was due in Hong Kong this month. The machine will carry two pilots and will have room for six passengers. All the latest improvements are embodied in the machine, which will be flown and tested at Kai Tak shortly after arrival by Mr. Vaughan Fowler.

Mr. Fowler was reticent as to the use to which the machine will be put. The motors in the plane are Genet Major of 110 H.P. each, the makers being the well-known firm of Armstrong Siddeley Motors, Limited.

GERMANY ALSO DEMANDS RETALIATION.

COAL IMPORT RESTRICTION.

Berlin.—The British Note replying to the representations made by the German Ambassador in London regarding the new English tariffs has caused some disappointment here. The Note does not exclude any negotiations, but it nevertheless states quite clearly that such negotiations will be of little use for the moment, as the present English tariffs are only of a transitional nature. In a few months' time, when a final tariff system will have been established, so the Note, if correctly summarised in the German press, continues, Anglo-German negotiations could be usefully begun.

There is a general demand for retaliatory measures here, and a limitation of coal imports from England is now very probable.

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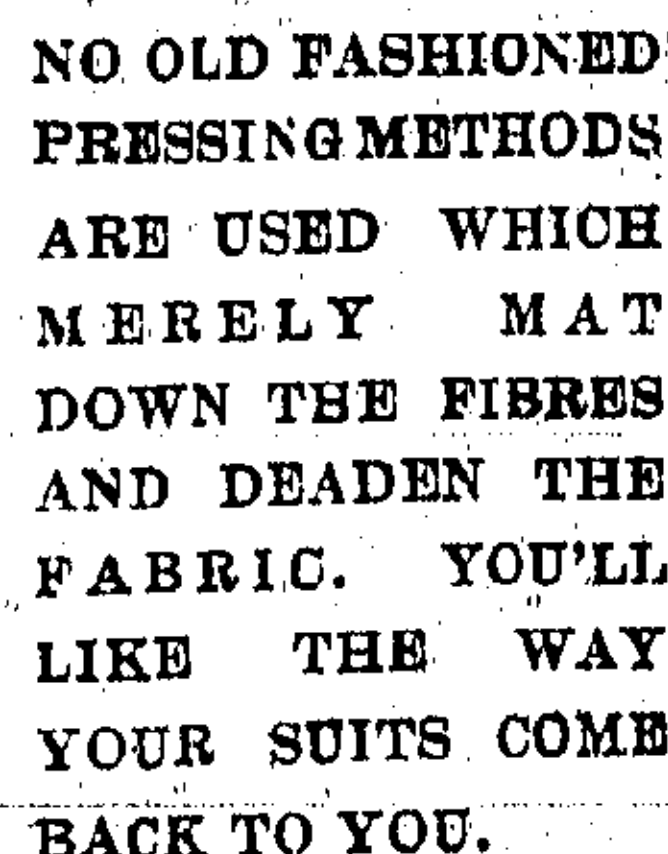
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"		bulk	11.25	"	11.25
"		gallon (ex pump)	1.35	"	1.35
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SENTENCED FOR CON-
TRAVENING EXPULSION
ORDER.

Toulon, Jan. 3.—The Correctional Court has condemned, for the violation of the expulsion order, a Frenchman, who in December 1918, shot with a revolver at Mr. Clemenceau, president of the Council. Cottin was sentenced to death, though his sentence was commuted to 10 years' solitary imprisonment and expulsion for 20 years.

He stated that he arrived in Toulon to see his child, who is under the care of a guardian in this city. This statement proved to be true, but he was not granted the conditional discharge, because he had 12 previous identical convictions. After he had been released, Cottin departed for Campagna, the place prescribed for him as residence.

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**PUBLIC HIT HARDER
THAN BANKS.**

The revelation that since 1930 American bankers proposing to float foreign loans in the United States have informed the State Department in order to give it an opportunity to "intervene" was made by Mr. Thomas W. Lamont, a partner in the firm of Meers, J. P. Morgan & Co., while giving evidence before the Finance Committee of the Senate, which opened an inquiry into the sale of foreign bonds in the United States. "The usual procedure said Mr. Lamont, was for the State Department to send a letter saying that it had no objection to the loan. He did not, however, reveal whether any loan had ever been objected to."

Regarding the \$208,000,000 loans floated by Messrs. Morgan on behalf of the German Government between 1924 and 1930—the Dawes and Young loans,—Mr. Lamont said: "There is no reason to question the good faith and ability of the German Government and people to pay this external debt." About \$173,000,000 of it, he added, was outstanding.

Mr. Lamont gave it as his opinion that the American public was unduly alarmed at the German bond situation. The largest trading of German short-term credits by any one American bank was only \$70,000,000, and the institution in question was so large that this sum was comparatively insignificant. American banks were in no way endangered.

In the past ten years, said Mr. Lamont in conclusion, Messrs. Morgan had handled about \$300,000,000 for France, \$280,000,000 for Belgium, \$215,000,000 for Australia, \$105,000,000 for Canada, and \$100,000,000 for South America, the net profit ranging from about 1 per cent. to 0.1 per cent.

He denied that many United States banks were overloaded with such bonds. The brunt of the decline in values, he said, had fallen on "the great investing public."

"Yes," interrupted Senator Gore, a bluff Democrat from the West, "it is Tom, Dick, and Harry who have taken the loss."

The question of the priority of political and private debts, continued Mr. Lamont, would not "amount to a row of pins." He stated that Messrs. Morgan had handled long-term foreign bonds to the total value of \$1,807,570,000, of which \$43,828,000 worth had been withdrawn. He considered that the United States had benefited "very greatly" from foreign loans, which had contributed to the capacity of foreign Governments to discharge their obligations to America. He admitted, however, that it "could be argued" that foreign loaning was overdone.

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Washington, Jan. 3.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat of Montana, announced to-day that when the 72nd Congress reconvenes to-morrow after the Christmas and New Year holiday recess he will introduce into the Senate a bill providing for the establishment of a bi-metallic currency.

Senator Wheeler said his measure will provide for the establishment of a bi-metallic currency system in the United States. It will provide for the free coinage of silver in the ratio of 16 to 1 with gold.

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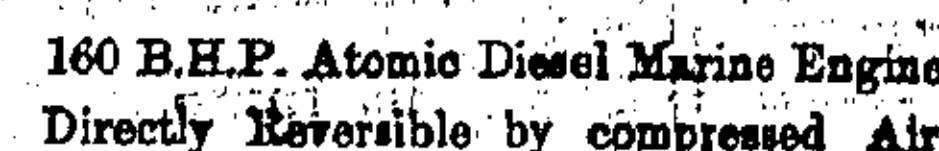
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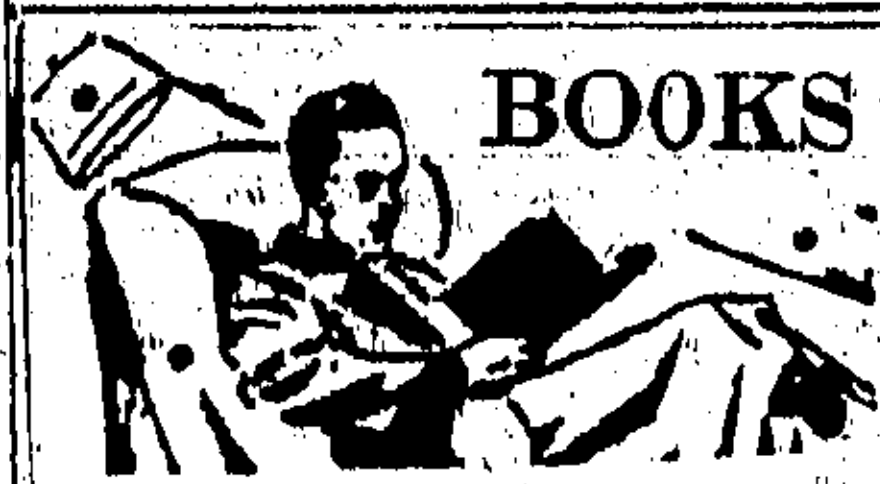
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A TRAVELLER'S TALES.

"LAND OF WONDER AND FEAR." By F.A. Mitchell-Hedges. Duckworth, 18s.

One becomes just a little tired of travel writers who begin their reminiscences with a word of pitying contempt for the teeming millions who drag out a "rutted existence" in towns. It is this sort of gauding of a home-loving people like the English which has made Switzerland what it is. And, after all, even Mr. Mitchell-Hedges, who regards civilisation with naive contempt, spends much of his time in excavating the ruined cities of the aboriginal Maya race. The fact is that, "rutted" or not, only a limited number of people can live alone.

Authors of travel books seldom write well, and Mr. Mitchell-Hedges is no exception to the rule. But the facts which he has to relate are in themselves so exciting that it is well worth while to wade through his Central America, his land of wonder and fear. He tells of the buried city of Lubaantun, rising out of the flames as the obliterating jungle was destroyed and of the communistic Maya Kekchi tribe which is fast dying out. A subsequent expedition took him to Guatemala, where the Zutuhile Indians fear witches and to Nicaragua, where he arrived in time for a civil war.

The author, rightly perhaps, leaves none of his sufferings from Central American insects to imagination. Tarantulas, scorpions, doctor flies and ticks are among the lesser evils of their kind. The habits of the gusano fly are such that they are scarcely fit to be repeated. But as Mr. Mitchell-Hedges says, "it would be absurd to gloss things over."

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"HOTEL ACROPOLIS." By Drieu la Rochelle. Nash and Grayson, 7s. 6d.

This exotic and voluptuous work would doubtless have been better in its original French than it is in translation. English readers will probably be irritated by so much talk of love. The speed and variety of the narrative, however, are such that the book is always lively and frequently exciting. The Grecian setting gives M. La Rochelle many opportunities for vivid scene-painting.

GOLD.

"The Gold Tangle and the Way Out," by Frederick and Alfred Wigglesworth (The Bodley Head, 5s.), is yet another discussion of what the authors describe as "by far the most vital question of the day." They are pleased we have gone off the gold standard and

think that, with the consequent readjustment of values, "the path is now clearly marked out for us." This is another of these provoking books on economic issues—how many of them there seem to be!—which have no index or adequate table of contents and not too coherent a presentation of ideas.

TALES OF A FAMILY.

"THE LAMBS OF DUN." By Violet Jacob. Murray, 18s.

Many fascinating documents have been dredged in order to discover material for this panoramic history of a famous Scottish family. There is abundant romance in a story that goes back to the first of the Stuarts, Kings, and humour steals in as in the story of the masterful eighteenth-century lady who, on being asked whether a certain dish "agreed with her," replied "I should like to see my stomach refuse anything I choose to put into it."

THE ORIGINAL SQUEERS.

"THE SPELL OF YORKSHIRE." By J. Cumming Walters. Illustrated by Frank Greenwood. Methuen, 5s. 6d.

It is in its abbeys, its dales and its historical and literary associations, rather than in its industries, that the author finds the spell of Yorkshire. Yet he rightly insists that Sheffield of the factories is as full of wonders as the "Arabian Nights." Naturally, he has something to say of the Brontës, and he reminds us that it was a Yorkshire schoolmaster that Dickens took as a model for Squeers. Mr. Walters has made of the story of his Yorkshire pilgrimage a very pleasant book and his illustrations have helped to convey the "spell" of the county to the stranger.

VILLAIN TO CATCH VILLAIN.

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"THE SECRETS OF HOUBINI." By J. C. Cannell. Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.

Those who wish to become qualified as magicians could not do better than study this book. Here Mr. Cannell reveals the secrets of some of the most mysterious tricks the world has ever seen. It may be thought that to give away the secrets of magic to the public is to take away much of its mystery. But the truth is that, except to a few "talented" experts, conjuring must always seem marvellous, even though we know that it is done by sleight of hand. Hence we are of opinion that Mr. Cannell's book will give pleasure to many readers without really spoiling the pleasure of any.

A FAMILY FOREST.

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taken in." At the same time handing her an empty tube labelled "Morphine or atropine." Miss Gibbons told him that the tube was so labelled, but by this time he appeared to be very drowsy and said, "No, it is calomel."

Dr. Hamilton said that he was attending Dr. Acland for the after results of a dipomania attack. The tube had contained tablets each of half grain of morphine and 100th of a grain of atropine—an antidote to morphia. Dr. Acland was at once given treatment, but was found dead at 9.30 a.m. the next day.

The coroner found that death was due to an overdose of morphine, taken by misadventure.

DOCTOR'S DRUG ERROR.

TOOK MORPHINE FOR CALOMEL.

How a doctor, while under the influence of drink, took a fatal dose of morphine in mistake for calomel, was described at the inquest at Hanley on Dr. Bentley Edward Acland, aged 36, of Leonard-road, Birches Head, Hanley.

The coroner, Mr. W. M. Huntbach, said that the case was particularly sad. "This poor man," he explained, "had had a severe attack of what we may call drinking, and had obviously had, not merely a great deal more than was good for him, but a great deal more than he could well put up with, to the extent that he was hardly capable of handling any thing, let alone drugs."

Miss Eleanor Gibbons, housekeeper to Dr. Acland, in a written statement, said that Dr. Acland had been ill for about three days, and was ordered by his partner, Dr. Hamilton, to stay in bed. For several days he had been drinking. On Wednesday he had no idea what he was saying or doing, and, so far as known, he consumed three-fourths of a bottle of brandy. About eight p.m. he was very drunk, and shortly before ten p.m. he was left alone for a few minutes. Later Miss Gibbons spoke to him about taking a dose of calomel.

Antidote to Alcohol.

At this point the coroner said that a large dose of calomel, he was informed on good authority would to a great extent do away with the evil effects of heavy drinking.

In reply to Miss Gibbons, he went on, Dr. Acland said, "I have

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EXPORT OF ARMS.

WOMEN'S PROTEST.

At a meeting of the Women's Peace Crusade at Friends' House, Euston-road, the export of arms from England was condemned.

Mr. Kingsley Martin said that confusion and ignorance regarding the traffic in arms was being fostered by part of the Press. Britain, with other countries, was supplying arms to China and Japan.

There was applause when he said that the *New Chronicle* was one of the few newspapers in which the truth could be read.

It was announced that the International Declaration for World Disarmament, reprinted by the *New Chronicle*, has been signed by 1,437,000 people, and it was hoped that there would be 2,000,000 signatures by the end of the year.

"To Smash the League."

Resolutions asking the Government to refrain from granting licences for the export of arms and munitions, and urging the Government to support the League of Nations in its efforts for a settlement to the Manchurian problem by an impartial inquiry, were passed.

Professor Philip Noel-Baker, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Minister in the last Government, said: "Armament interests, which are out to profit by the present position, are trying to smash the authority of the League of Nations, knowing that if they are to be successful they must do it now."

Mr. Kingsley Martin said that as the export of arms and ammunition had to be licensed by the Board of Trade, with the approval of the Foreign Office, the trade in arms

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DUCKING AT OXFORD.

GUILTY PERSONS PUNISHED.

Oxford, Dec. 19.—The ducking by titled freshmen at Christ Church College, Oxford, of second and third-year men, who, it is alleged, do not go in for sport or athletics is regarded in some University circles as a "rag" which should have been taken in good part.

To-day the Senior Censor of Christ Church, Mr. H. R. F. Harrod, said: "Duckings have taken place this week, but those are not an unusual occurrence. I am pretty sure they will not recur for a long time."

Punishment.

"We look upon it with severe displeasure. If the people taking part are reported they are punished."

"In this case certain people have been punished."

Mr. Giles Playfair, the undergraduate son of Sir Nigel Playfair, the actor-manager, described the authors of the alleged ducking as "incompetent nit-wits."

Writing in the "Cherwell," the undergraduates' magazine which he edits, Mr. Playfair says:

"I had hoped that Oxford in 1931 had outgrown the public-school spirit at its worst, but apparently I am wrong. I can only appeal to the noblemen of Christ Church to abide by their own rules, even if they are unable to abide by the rules of enlightened humanity."

ments was really a part of our foreign policy. Thus the Government, which as a member of the League of Nations was attempting to settle the Manchurian problem, was at the same time encouraging the conflict.

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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock and exchange quotations.

11.30 a.m.—Chinese recorded programme.

12.30 p.m.—European programme of Victor and H.M.V. records.

1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, mail notices, etc.

2 p.m.—Close down.

3 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.

8 to 8.30 p.m.—Chinese children's programme.

7 p.m.—Mail notice, special announcements, etc.

7.05 to 11 p.m.—European programme of Victor and H.M.V. records.

7.05 to 8 p.m.—

A Concert.

Violin Solo—"Chant d'Espagne" (Samazeuilh).

Violin Solo—(a) "La Cancion Del Olvido" (Serrano-Persinger) (b) "Rondo" (Spohr-Persinger).—Master Yehudi Menuhin.—7317.

Song—"My Little Nest of Heavenly Blue" (Lohar).

Song—"Twilight" (Hamilton).—Maria Jeritz (Soprano).—1234.

Piano Solo—"Malaguena" (Lecuna).

Piano Solo—"La Cathedrale Engloutie" (Debussy).—Olga Samaroff.—7304.

Chorus—"Mother of Mine" (Burleigh).—Lay Years of Westminster Abbey.—B3413.

Violin Solo—"Gavotte" (Beethoven).

Violin Solo—"Menuet" (Bach-Winteritz).—Fritz Kreisler.—1133.

Song—"Kingfisher Blue" (Woodforde-Finden).

Song—"Jhelum Boat Song" (Woodforde-Finden).—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).—C2177.

Piano Solo—"Etude in A Minor" (Mendelssohn).

Piano Solo—"Etude in F Major" (Mendelssohn).—Sergei Rachmaninoff.—1200.

8 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

8.05 to 8.35 p.m.—"Stephen Foster Melodies" played by Nat Shilkret with the Victor Salon Group and Orchestra.—C2.

8.35 to 9 p.m.—"Iberia—In the Streets and Byways—The Odors of the Night—The Morning of a Fete Day and L'Alte Joyeuse" (Debussy), played by the Victor Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Piero Coppola.—M-77.

9 to 11 p.m.—

Dance Programme.

Fox Trot—"You Forgot Your Gloves."—22708.

Fox Trot—"Falling in Love."—22708.

Fox Trot—"High and Low."—22708.

Fox Trot—"Dancing in the Dark."—22708.

Fox Trot—"I Was Only Teasing You."—22708.

Fox Trot—"Maybe It's The Moon."—22727.

Fox Trot—"Ooh! Hoo! You Hoo!"—22727.

Fox Trot—"On the Bench With You."—22730.

Waltz—"Reaching for the Moon."—22730.

Waltz—"Truly I Love You."—22613.

Fox Trot—"That Little Boy of Mine."—22738.

Fox Trot—"The Hour of Parting."—22738.

Fox Trot—"Minnie the Moocher."—22763.

Fox Trot—"Hebbie Jeebies."—22763.

Fox Trot—"I'm All Dressed Up With a Broken Heart."—22763.

Fox Trot—"There's No Other Girl."—22763.

Fox Trot—"I Got Rhythm."—22688.

Fox Trot—"Embraceable You."—22688.

Waltz—"The Kiss That You've Forgotten."—22790.

Waltz—"I'm Just a Dancing Sweetheart."—22790.

Fox Trot—"Thrill Me."—22658.

Fox Trot—"I Surrender Dear."—22658.

Fox Trot—"So Sweet."—22658.

Fox Trot—"Doin' the Rumba."—22658.

Fox Trot—"I'm Thru With Love."—22658.

Fox Trot—"You Don't Know What You're Doin'."—22677.

Fox Trot—"Let Me Hum a Hymn to Her Tonight."—22696.

Fox Trot—"Can't You Read Between the Lines."—22696.

Waltz—"The Same as We Used to Do."—22696.

Fox Trot—"Mary Jane."—22688.

Fox Trot—"Just a Blue Eyed Blonde."—22724.

Fox Trot—"If I Were Only Sure of You."—22724.

Fox Trot—"Building a Home for You."—22704.

Fox Trot—"You Don't Need Glasses."—22704.

Fox Trot—"Faithfully Yours."—22699.

Fox Trot—"Have You Forgotten?"—22699.

Fox Trot—"There's Rhythm in the River."—22641.

Fox Trot—"I Need Lovin'."—22641.

Waltz—"Dream River."—21330.

Waltz—"Beloved."—21330.

10.30 p.m. (approx.)—Rugby mid-day Press news.

11 p.m.—Close down.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE MASTERS' DUEL.

LENZ REDUCES LEAD BUT IS STILL FAR BEHIND.

New York, Jan. 8.—America's great bridge tournament, designed to establish the supremacy of one of two schools of contract bridge, neared its end to-day. At the end of 137 rubbers, Mr. Ely Culbertson, defending his own approach-finding system, was leading Mr. Sydney S. Lenz, the advocate of the one-two-three variation of the so-called official system, by 14,175 points. The tournament which began on December 7, for 150 rubbers or 1,001 hands, is expected to end on Friday.

Throughout the tournament, Mrs. Culbertson has been her husband's partner. Mr. Oswald Jacoby was partner for Mr. Lenz until December 29, when they had a difference of opinion and Commander Winfield Liggett replaced Mr. Jacoby.

Within the past week Mr. Lenz has regained some of the ground he lost earlier in the tournament. On December 21, Mr. Culbertson was leading by 10,705 points, a week later he had extended this lead to 16,040 points, but now Mr. Lenz and Commander Liggett have cut the lead down to 14,175 points.

For four nights a week since December 7, the adversaries have been playing eight rubbers a night. Mr. Culbertson has by G. 8,000 against Mr. Lenz' G. 81,000 that he will win and both have promised to give their winnings either to charity or to unemployment relief.

The Two Systems.

"Time" gives the following explanation of the two systems whose merits their respective inventors are now seeking to demonstrate:

"The Lenz and Culbertson systems, one of which will supposedly be proven superior, differ chiefly in that when Lenz makes an opening bid of two in any suit, he invites (without compelling) his partner to make an answering bid. Culbertson's initial bid of two is a command for partner to respond, no matter how weak partner's hand may be. Here is what each expert feels he must have in his hand for opening suit bids of one, two or three:

Lenz Culbertson
1 2 tricks 2 1/2 tricks No difference

2 3 or 3 1/2 tricks 3 or 3 1/2 tricks Culbertson forces

3 9 or 10 tricks 8 tricks Lenz forces
"The advantage of the Lenz system is that there are many hands too strong for a bid of one and not strong enough for a forcing bid. The Lenz two-bid works well with this type of hand, since it encourages partner to reply if he has a little help but does not compel him to reply even when he has no help. To bid two, Mr. Culbertson's hand must be so strong that if partner replies with two no-trumps (standard indication of a "bust"), Mr. Culbertson can either let the declaration stand or take it out with a bid of three in some suit. Opponents of the Culbertson system maintain that he has no way of indicating a hand that is one trick or even two tricks stronger than the requirements for a one bid. Opponents of the Official system maintain that this very fact gives added merit to the Culbertson system: the opposing side does not know the exact strength of the bidder's hand.

"A less vital difference in the two systems lies in Culbertson's strong preference for an opening suit bid as opposed to an opening no-trump bid. In estimating the trick-taking possibilities of high cards, Culbertson counts ace, king and queen in one suit as two tricks, Lenz counts the same holding as three.

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A TRAWLER HERO.

DIVED INTO RAGING SEA TO SAVE COMRADES.

The crew of the steam trawler Passages, which was wrecked on the Manx coast, reached Fleetwood two days later and gave a thrilling account of their rescue. They were sheltering in the wheel house when the vessel grounded and they were saved in the breeches buoy after the cook, Norman Platt, of Manboth-road, Fleetwood, had swum ashore with a line round his body.

Describing the adventure, Platt said: "I swam for about 25 yards and then came across a bank, which gave me a breathing space. Then I swam another 50 yards before reaching the shore. Once I was turned right over by the seas and thought I was lost.

"When the seas were breaking over the vessel the boy, T. W. Hutson, aged 14, was aft, and I brought him to the wheelhouse before I dived. He was a brave lad, and set an example to us all. When we climbed the steep cliffs the most welcome sight was a man with a bottle of whisky."

Platt holds the Humane Society's parchment and a Carnegie Hero's Trust award.

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JANUARY 11, 1932.											
STATION	Time	Barometer at Sea Level		Thermometer	Wind	Clouds	Rain	Sun	Moon	Phase	Remarks
		Inches	Milli.								
Wladivostok	12	30.25	768.4	87	SE	1	b	5	29.23	767.4	28
Nomuro	11	30.24	768.0	...	WSW	1	b	5	30.18	766.5	...
Hakodate	...	30.39	772.0	...	W	4	...	...	30.18	766.0	...
Tokio	...	30.57	776.5	...	NW	1	...	...	30.43	778.0	...
Kobe	...	30.53	776.0	...	...	0	...	...	30.47	774.0	...
Nagasaki	...	30.55	776.0	...	ESE	2	...	...	30.38	771.5	...
Kagoshima	...	30.56	776.0	...	ESE	1	...	...	30.45	773.5	...
Oshima	...	30.47	774.0	...	E	3	...	...	30.43	773.0	...
Naha	...	30.46	773.5	...	ENE	3	...	...	30.39	772.0	...
Ishigakijima	...	30.87	771.5	...	E	3	...	...	30.34	770.5	...
Bonin Island	...	30.30	769.5	...	NE	1	...	...	30.30	769.5	...
Chufuo	13	30.14	765.5	88	SW	6	e	6	30.38	772.0	33
Shanghai	14	31.37	771.3	59	SSW	2	b	...	30.51	775.0	33
Gutzlaff	...	30.42	773.8	50	S	2	b	...	30.63	775.4	40
Wanchow	...	30.33	770.4	58	N	2	e	7	30.33	770.4	56
Foochow	...	30.32	767.6	71	S	4	b	6	30.25	768.3	66
Swatow	...	30.37	771.3	72	E	4	b	...	30.33	770.4	49
Taihu	...	30.32	771.7	68	N	2	b	...	30.31	770.5	43
Taiwan	...	30.34	771.1	70	N	2	b	...	30.29	769.4	52
Koshu	...	30.39	770.8	65	NNE	2	b	...	30.26	768.7	63
Pessadoros	...	30.39	771.8	65	N	4	b	...	30.30	769.4	59
Hong Kong	14	30.31	769.9	81	E	4	b	...	30.31	769.9	88
Gap Rock	...	30.31	769.9	83	ENE	5	b	...	30.31	769.9	84
Macao	...	30.29	769.4	63	NE	2	b	...	30.28	769.1	54
Hoihow	...	30.24	768.0	70	NE	6	bc	...	30.23	767.9	67
Pratas Island	...	30.28	768.6	70	SE	4	b	7	30.32	770.2	58
Philien	...	30.17	766.8	67	NW	4	b	...	30.18	768.8	68
Tourane	...	30.02	762.5	70	ESE	4	b	...	30.08	764.0	68
Cape St. James	...	30.19	766.5	74	NE	4	bc	6	30.19	766.8	68
Basco	...	30.14	765.6	76	ENE	4	b	...	30.13	765.2	72
Apurri	...	30.11	764.9	72	N	0	...	...	30.11	764.8	65
Tuguegarao	...	30.02	762.8	79	NNE	4	b	...	30.03	762.8	72
Vigan	...	30.02	762.5	83	NE	2	b	...	30.04	763.1	67
Manila	...	29.98	761.5	81	NNE	4	b	...	29.94	761.4	74
Legaspi	...	29.97	761.5	77	N	4	bc	...	29.93	760.1	72
Calbayog	...	29.93	760.3	81	N	4	bc	...	29.93	760.1	74
Tacolban	...	29.89	759.3	85	NE	6	b	...	29.92	760.0	77
Iloilo	...	29.91	759.7	86	NNW	4	b	...	29.89	759.2	72
Cebu	...	29.91	759.8	79	N	4	b	...	29.91	759.7	75
Surigao	...	11.00	29.87	758.6	6	NE	2	...	29.86	758.5	...
Saipan	...	11.00	29.80	757.0	6	E	4	...	29.85	758.2	80
Guam	...	11.00	29.80	757.0	6	E	4	...	29.84	757.8	79
Yap	...	11.00	29.80	757.0	6	E	4	...	29.84	757.8	79
Pelaw	...	11.00	29.80	757.0	6	E	4	...	29.84	757.8	79
Labuan	...	11.00	29.80	757.0	6	E	4	...	29.84	757.8	79

January 12d. 10h. 43m.—The anticyclone is central S.E. of Tokio moving E. Another has formed over China.

A depression north of Wladivostok is moving E.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 0.00 inches, against an average of 0.80 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON JANUARY 13.

DIRECTION.	FORECAST.
A.—Shanghai to Turnabout	N. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.
B.—Turnabout to Hong Kong	N.E. winds, freshening; fine to cloudy.
C.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	Northerly winds, fresh; fine.
D.—Hong Kong to Hainan Straits	N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast, local rain.
E.—North China Sea	N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast, local rain.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, January 1.

Previous Day at 4 p.m.

Day at 10 a.m.

On Date at 4 p.m.

Barometer... 30.29 30.35 30.31

Temperature... 81 85 89

Humidity... 62 63 39

Wind—Direction... E Clam E

Force... 4 Nil 2

Weather... B BM B

Rain... 0.0 0.0 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 11. 61

Lowest open-air Temperature, 12. 57

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning;

M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing Showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 13 to 19, 1932.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Days of Week. Days of Month. Hong Kong Standard Time. Height. Hong Kong Standard Time. Height.

Wed. 13 14 10 3.0 07 10 1.7

Thur. 14 00 19 3.1 07 58 2.0

Fri. 15 00 46 3.1 08 05 2.4

Sat. 16 01 15 3.0 08 35 2.8

Sun. 17 01 50 2.9 08 41 2.8

Mon. 18 02 49 2.8 09 05 3.0

Tue. 19 03 16 2.8 09 55 2.6

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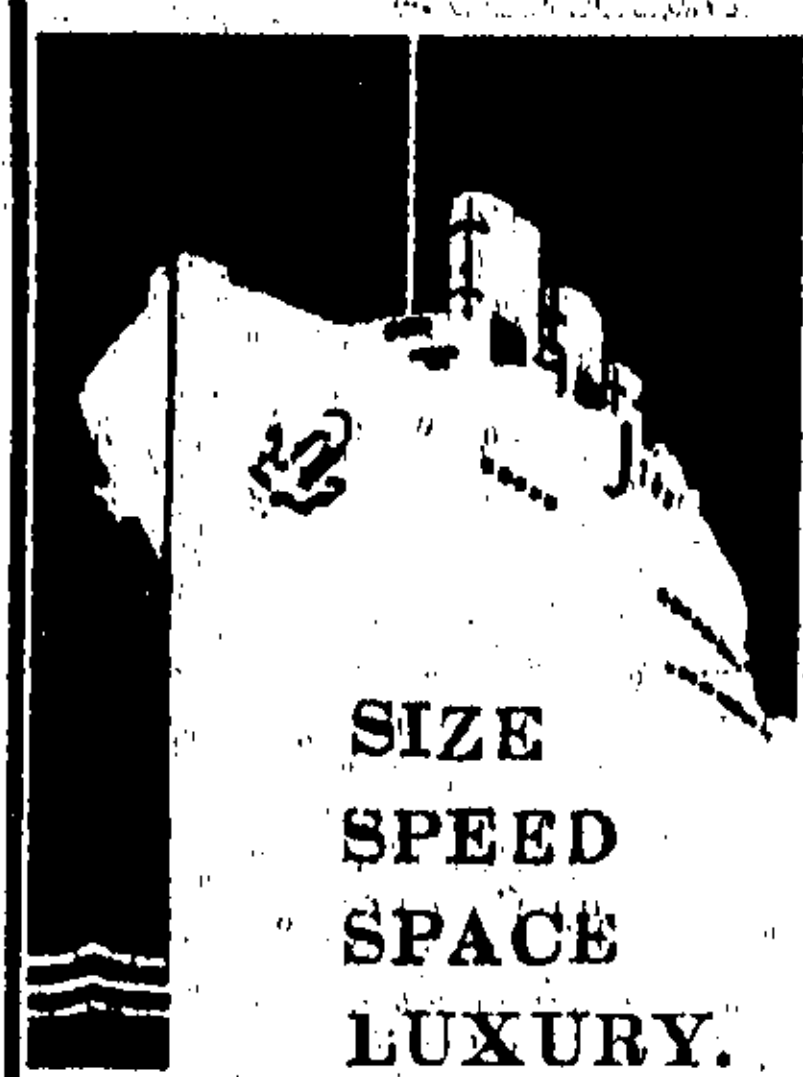
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Emp. of Asia ... Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 9	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 26
Emp. of Canada ... Feb. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 26	Feb. 27	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 14
Emp. of Russia ... Mar. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25
Emp. of Japan ... Mar. 16	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 21	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	Mar. 31	Apr. 3
Emp. of Asia ... Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 15
Emp. of Canada ... Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29
Emp. of Russia ... Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 29	May 1	May 8	May 11	May 14
Emp. of Japan ... May 6	May 8	May 9	May 11	May 13	May 20	May 23	May 26
Emp. of Asia ... May 20	May 22	May 23	May 25	May 27	June 3	June 6	June 9
Emp. of Canada ... June 3	June 6	June 7	June 9	June 11	June 18	June 21	June 24
Emp. of Russia ... June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25	July 2	July 5	July 8

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BOKUYO MARU ... Sunday, 14th Feb.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople),
Genoa & Marseilles.
DUBAN MARU ... Friday, 15th Jan.
CALOUTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
MOBIOKA MARU ... Friday, 15th Jan.
MURORAN MARU ... Friday, 29th Jan.

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ATHOS II ... 15th Feb.	ANDRE LERON ... 17th Feb.
D'ARTAGNAN ... 1st Mar.	FELIX ROUSSEL ... 2nd Mar.
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FELIX ROUSSEL ... 29th Mar.	SPHINX ... 29th Mar.
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 15,085 TONS;
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18,030 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

British	Cargo for Through	H.K.	Ports.
Chinhuu	—	80	—
New Mathilde	800	—	—
Kiangchow	900	750	—
Emp. of Asia	402	785	—
Vancouver	—	2,062	1,615

American	Pres. Jackson	1,088	1,652
German	Odenburg	150	7,419
Coblenz	Dairen	—	2,149

Dutch	Tjikembang	2,406	2,250
Norwegian	Norviken	—	498
Hai Hing	Rangoon	2	2,300
Kronviken	Bangkok	2,900	3,100

French	G.G. M. Long	2,818	—
Japanese	Kajun Maru	2,810	—
Chinese	Tai Lee	—	1,047
Stanley	Swabue	51	—
Tak Hing	Autow	3	—

Total	15,085	18,030	—
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ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.	
The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—	
New Mathilde (Br.) Hai-phong	62
Kiangchow (Br.) Hai-phong	82
Tjikembang (Dut.) Batavia	422
Norviken (Nor.) Canton	21
Hai Hing (Nor.) Rangoon	4
Stanley (Chi.) Swabue	123
Tak Hing (Chi.) Autow	3
Total	757

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	1	0
German	1	1
Dutch	1	0
Norwegian	3	2
French	1	0
Japanese	2	9
Chinese	3	9
Portuguese	0	1
Total	18	16

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—

Basin.—H.M.S. Tamar.
North Wall.—H.M. Ships Wishart, Whitehall, Wild Swan, Verity and Sirdar.

South Wall.—H.M. Ships Bruce, Keppel, Marazion and Moorhen.
East Wall.—H.M. Ships Herald, Cornflower, Pandora and Proteus.

North Arm.—H.M. Ships Kent and Serapis.
West Wall.—H.M.S. Cumberland.

In Dock.—H.M. Ships Sterling, Seraph and Cicada.
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Buoy No. 2.—H.M.S. Medway and submarines.
Buoy No. 6.—H.M.S. Suffolk.

Foreign.—Portuguese transport Gil Eanes.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:—

Kowloon.—Pres. Jackson, Chile, Oldenburg.
Holt's.—Taiping, Sinkiang.

China Merchants.—Hoi Fook, Hoi Kung.
Jardine Matheson's.—Kwai-sang.

O.S.K.—Hosan Maru.
Douglas, Laprak.—Haining.

Saikong.—Wing Lee.

DOCKS.

Kowloon.—Hinsang, Limchow, Hio Maru, Yuan Gong, Prosper, Yuen Sang, Gil Eanes, Hopsang.

Taikoo.—C. H. Riviere, Florence D., Kwaiyang, Lyemmoon, Tatsuta Maru, Chungking, Rhexenor, Kan-chow, H.M.S. Suffolk, Szechuen, Tyndareus, Chichibu Maru.

BUOYS.

No. A1.—Chichibu Maru.
No. A2.—Tango Maru.
No. A3.—Tjondane.
No. A7.—Tjikembang.
No. A2.—Norviken.
No. 53.—Chinhuu.
No. 58.—Graciosa.

No. 59.—Wong Shek Kung.
No. 616.—G. G. M. Long.
No. B11.—Shun Chih.
No. B14.—Kiangchow.
No. B15.—Kiangsu.
No. B16.—Hella.
No. B17.—Kronviken.
No. B25.—Cape St. Francis.

No. C1.—Chungkong.
No. C2.—New Mathilde.
No. B3.—Tai Lee.

ARRIVALS.

January 11.

Kiangchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. R. Allinson, from Hoi-kow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
New Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. D. Thomas, from Pakhoi, buoy No. C2.—Yik Tai & Co.
Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,910 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.
Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. S. Kato, from Chefoo, buoy No. C1.—Loong Tai Hong.

Tjikembang, Dutch str., 5,028 tons, Capt. Adbo, from Menado, buoy No. A7.—J.C.J.L.

January 12.

Chinhuu, British str., 1,353 tons, Capt. Forrester, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—B. & S.
Dogs, British str., 3,281 tons, Capt. W. N. Dyett, from Calcutta, buoy No. B27.—J. M. & Co.

Foo Lee, Chinese str., 850 tons, Capt. M. Tanida, from Canton, buoy No. C15.—Shun Tai Hong.

Liangchow, British str., 1,219 tons, Capt. D. Wilson, from Swatow, Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.
Helikon, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, buoy No. B19.—Wo Fat Sing.

Norviken, Norwegian str., 1,779 tons, Capt. Ulfstad, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.
Phemius, British str., 4,751 tons, Capt. R. Dods, from Manila, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Saigon, buoy No. A5.—Nam Tam Tai & Co.

Wilfred, Norwegian str., 3,044 tons, Capt. H. Taft, from Canton, buoy No. B25.—Dodwell & Co.

CLEARANCES.

January 12.

Coblenz, for Manila.
Hai Ning, for Swatow.
Lushan Maru, for Swatow.
Oldenburg, for Shanghai.
Pres. Jackson, for Manila.
Shun Chih, for Saigon.
Tai Lee, for Canton.

Tango Maru, for Singapore.
Tjondane, for Muntok.
Wilfred, for Chinwangtao.
Wong Shek Kung, for Saigon.

VESSELS' MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. Benvenue, from Middlebro', London and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., and is due to arrive here on the 17th inst.

The P. & O. s.s. Rajputana, from Hong Kong, arrived at London on January 9, 9 a.m.

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"CHITRAL"	16,000	20th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"ALIPPORE"	9,000	25th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHEMIR"	9,000	13th Feb.	Mars., L'don, R'dm. & A'warp.
"NALDERA"	16,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"SOUDAN"	9,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, & B'g. R'dm., A'warp. & E.
"CARTEAGE"	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASPUTANA"	17,000	28th Mar.	do.
"BURDWAN"	9,500	2nd Apr.	Bombay, Mars., L'don, Havre, & B'g. R'dm. & A'warp.
"CORFU"	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"KAWALPINDI"	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KANPURA"	15,000	7th May.	do.
"SOMALI"	9,900	14th May	Mars., L'don, Havre, H'bg., & B'g. R'dm., A'warp. & E.
"CHITRAL"	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KANCHI"	17,000	4th June	do.
"BANGALORE"	9,600	11th June	Mars., L'don, Havre, H'bg., & B'g. R'dm., A'warp. & E.
"NALDERA"	16,000	8th June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASIR-I-HIND"	12,000	22d July	do.
"KASPUTANA"	17,000	16th July	do.
"MAINTUA"	11,000	30th July	do.
"SOUDAN"	9,800	8th Aug.	Mars., L'don, Havre, H'bg., & B'g. R'dm., A'warp. & E.
"KAWALPINDI"	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KANPURA"	17,000	27th Aug.	do.
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